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OF  
ALBERTA  
ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
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1913

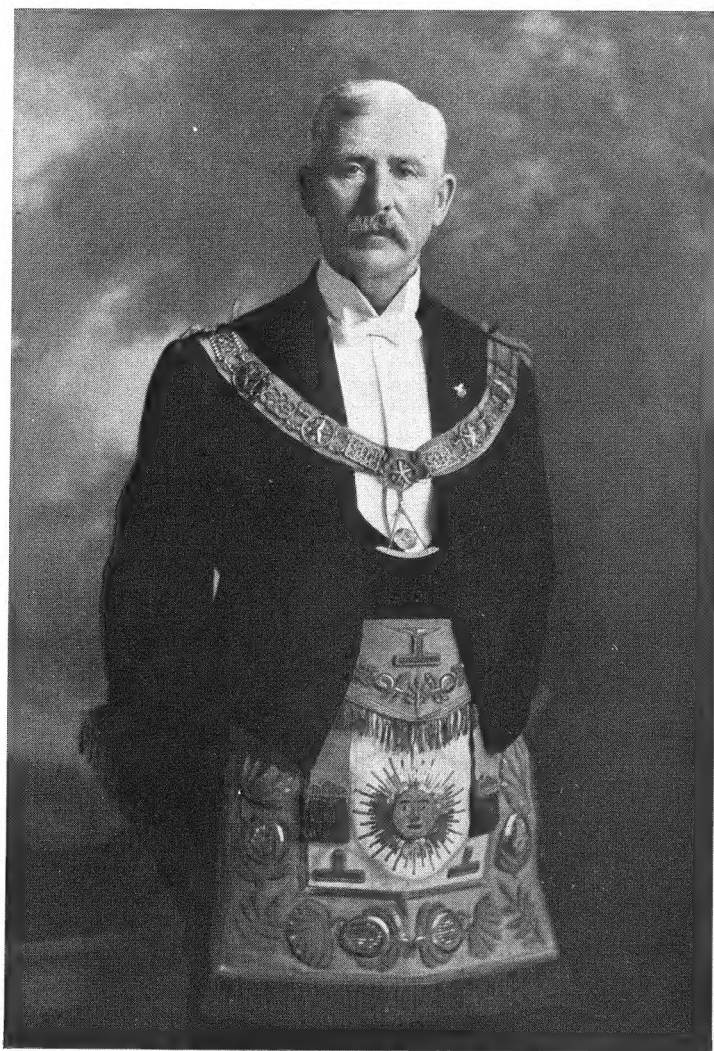
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M.W. Bro. DR. G. MACDONALD . . . Grand Secretary

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*ROBERT PATTERSON, Grand Master, 1912*





# Grand Lodge

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Eighth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple at the Town of Banff, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, May 28th, A.D. 1913, A.L. 5913, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock, a.m.

### PRESENT

#### GRAND OFFICERS

|                                              |                              |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Macleod      | Grand Master                 |
| R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Calgary           | Deputy Grand Master          |
| R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Ponoka         | Senior Grand Warden          |
| R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary         | Junior Grand Warden          |
| R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Calgary         | D.D.G.M.                     |
| R.W. Bro. H. A. Driggs (57)                  | D.D.G.M.                     |
| R.W. Bro. G. H. Jaurnick (33), Stavely       | D.D.G.M.                     |
| R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates (36), Gleichen         | D.D.G.M.                     |
| R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison (3), Macleod         | D.D.G.M.                     |
| R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell, (45), Alix         | D.D.G.M.                     |
| R.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe (24), Vermilion   | D.D.G.M.                     |
| R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), Calgary     | Grand Treasurer              |
| M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary      | Grand Secretary              |
| V.W. Bro. D. Hope (1), Calgary               | Senior Grand Deacon          |
| V.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), Edmonton          | Junior Grand Deacon          |
| V.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), Medicine Hat       | Grand Director of Ceremonies |
| V.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon (11), Edmonton South | Grand Steward                |
| V.W. Bro. J. W. Miller (49), Carmangay       | Grand Steward                |
| R.W. Bro. J. H. Binns (55), Bassano          | Grand Pursuivant             |
| Bro. R. H. Finch (9), Calgary                | Grand Tyler                  |

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS

|                                                    |                             |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Edmonton....      | Past Grand Master           |
| M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Calgary.....        | Past Grand Master           |
| M.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4), Lethbridge .....          | Past Grand Master           |
| M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Hogbin (1), Calgary..... | Past Grand<br>Master        |
| M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary.....       | Past Grand Master           |
| R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Calgary.....         | Past Senior Grand<br>Warden |
| R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary .....       | Past Grand<br>Registrar     |
| R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Stocken (36), Gleichen.....   | Past Grand<br>Chaplain      |

## REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES

|                       |                                   |            |
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| Arkansas .....        | R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay ..... | Calgary    |
| British Columbia .... | R.W. Bro. J. H. S. Kemmis.....    | Cowley     |
| Connecticut .....     | R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson.....       | Okotoks    |
| Delaware .....        | M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald.....    | Calgary    |
| District of Columbia. | M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson.....   | Macleod    |
| England .....         | M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite.. | Edmonton   |
| Idaho .....           | M.W. Bro. Thos McNabb .....       | Lethbridge |
| Kansas .....          | M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair .....       | Calgary    |
| Maine .....           | R.W. Bro. C W. E. Gardiner .....  | Macleod    |
| Manitoba .....        | M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Hogbin  | Calgary    |
| New Brunswick....     | V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent .....     | Calgary    |
| New Jersey .....      | R.W. Bro. M. J. Macleod .....     | Edmonton   |
| New South Wales ..    | M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald.....   | Calgary    |
| New Zealand.....      | W. Bro. Dr. H. L. McInnis.....    | Edmonton   |
| Utah .....            | R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod .....      | Calgary    |
| Virginia .....        | R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin .....      | Calgary    |
| Washington .....      | R.W. Bro. T. F. English .....     | Calgary    |
| Wisconsin .....       | R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher .....   | Calgary    |

## PAST MASTERS

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| V.W. Bro. Wash. G. Collins .....       | No. | 1  |
| R.W. Bro. J. M. Empey .....            | "   | 1  |
| M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Hogbin ..... | "   | 1  |
| V.W. Bro. D. Hope .....                | "   | 1  |
| R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay .....      | "   | 1  |
| M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald .....       | "   | 1  |
| R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod .....           | "   | 1  |
| R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin .....           | "   | 1  |
| W. Bro. Geo. Musson .....              | "   | 2  |
| W. Bro. H. W. Ireland .....            | "   | 2  |
| W. Bro. Geo. Murray .....              | "   | 2  |
| V.W. Bro. J. Elliott .....             | "   | 2  |
| R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison .....          | "   | 3  |
| R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner .....      | "   | 3  |
| M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson .....       | "   | 3  |
| W. Bro. B. B. Hoyt .....               | "   | 4  |
| M.W. Bro. T. McNabb .....              | "   | 4  |
| W. Bro. P. A. Moore .....              | "   | 5  |
| V.W. Bro. J. I. Brewster .....         | "   | 5  |
| W. Bro. G. M. Atkin .....              | "   | 5  |
| W. Bro. J. F. Burns .....              | "   | 6  |
| W. Bro. A. R. Dempster .....           | "   | 6  |
| R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis .....     | "   | 6  |
| M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite .....  | "   | 7  |
| W. Bro. H. Darling .....               | "   | 7  |
| V.W. Bro. C. E. Macdonald .....        | "   | 7  |
| R.W. Bro. W. R. Wilson .....           | "   | 8  |
| M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald .....        | "   | 9  |
| M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair .....            | "   | 9  |
| R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher .....        | "   | 9  |
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| R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon .....          | "   | 11 |
| R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon .....             | "   | 12 |
| R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson .....       | "   | 12 |
| R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop .....           | "   | 14 |
| W. Bro. Dr. H. L. McInnis .....        | "   | 14 |
| V.W. Bro. H. P. Reid .....             | "   | 14 |

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| R.W. Bro. J. Duff .....          | " | 16 |
| R.W. Bro. A. Reid .....          | " | 18 |
| R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson .....    | " | 18 |
| R.W. Bro. Wm. Dickson .....      | " | 20 |
| V.W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Laidlaw ..   | " | 20 |
| R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson .....     | " | 22 |
| R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey .....     | " | 23 |
| R.W. Bro. T. F. English .....    | " | 23 |
| R.W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe .....    | " | 23 |
| V.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe ..... | " | 24 |
| V.W. Bro. W. J. Seed .....       | " | 24 |
| R.W. Bro. Thos. M. Burnett ..... | " | 26 |
| V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent .....    | " | 28 |
| W. Bro. Geo. Hill .....          | " | 28 |
| R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor .....     | " | 28 |
| V.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood .....    | " | 28 |
| R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterell .....  | " | 29 |
| R.W. Bro. A. Cameron .....       | " | 30 |
| W. Bro. A. Morrison .....        | " | 30 |
| R.W. Bro. G. H. Jaurnick .....   | " | 33 |
| W. Bro. W. H. McEwan .....       | " | 35 |
| W. Bro. T. J. Depew .....        | " | 35 |
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| R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates .....      | " | 36 |
| W. Bro. J. Watson Younger .....  | " | 37 |
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| W. Bro. W. J. Musson .....       | " | 44 |
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## \*AND THE FOLLOWING MASTERS AND WARDENS

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| W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs .....     | W.M. | No. 1 |
| W. Bro. E. Oxland .....       | W.M. | " 4   |
| Bro. W. J. Armstrong .....    | S.W. | " 4   |
| Bro. T. S. Fetterley .....    | J.W. | " 4   |
| W. Bro. S. J. Unwin .....     | W.M. | " 5   |
| Bro. Wm. Warren .....         | S.W. | " 5   |
| W. Bro. J. E. Wright .....    | W.M. | " 6   |
| Bro. C. E. McManus .....      | S.W. | " 7   |
| Bro. W. B. Linaham .....      | S.W. | " 8   |
| W. Bro. W. W. Piper .....     | W.M. | " 9   |
| W. Bro. Geo. Riach .....      | W.M. | " 14  |
| Bro. F. L. Landon .....       | S.W. | " 16  |
| W. Bro. A. Francis .....      | W.M. | " 19  |
| W. Bro. R. Knowles .....      | W.M. | " 22  |
| W. Bro. H. G. H. Glass .....  | W.M. | " 23  |
| Bro. A. V. Bilton .....       | S.W. | " 23  |
| Bro. G. E. Cruickshank .....  | J.W. | " 26  |
| W. Bro. W. T. Coote .....     | W.M. | " 29  |
| W. Bro. E. Disney .....       | W.M. | " 30  |
| W. Bro. E. T. Westlake .....  | W.M. | " 31  |
| W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins .....   | W.M. | " 33  |
| Bro. M. Cressman .....        | S.W. | " 33  |
| W. Bro. E. C. Wells .....     | W.M. | " 34  |
| Bro. S. G. Tobin .....        | J.W. | " 34  |
| W. Bro. D. Milne .....        | W.M. | " 35  |
| Bro. S. Cruickshank .....     | J.W. | " 35  |
| W. Bro. W. Beach .....        | W.M. | " 36  |
| W. Bro. John Jones .....      | W.M. | " 39  |
| Bro. D. M. Leyden .....       | S.W. | " 40  |
| Bro. F. E. Nichol .....       | S.W. | " 43  |
| W. Bro. R. A. Snyder .....    | W.M. | " 44  |
| Bro. A. E. Mills .....        | J.W. | " 44  |
| Bro. H. D. McMillan .....     | S.W. | " 47  |
| W. Bro. R. S. Peacock .....   | W.M. | " 48  |
| Bro. A. E. Quayle .....       | S.W. | " 49  |
| W. Bro. W. J. Folinsbee ..... | W.M. | " 51  |
| Bro. W. E. Brown .....        | S.W. | " 53  |

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| Bro. J. A. Macdonald .....      | J.W. | "    | 53 |
| W. Bro. C. J. Gale .....        | W.M. | "    | 54 |
| V.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers ..... | W.M. | "    | 55 |
| Bro. W. Flett .....             | S.W. | "    | 59 |
| W. Bro. N. A. Kilburn .....     | W.M. | "    | 61 |
| W. Bro. C. J. La Key .....      | W.M. | "    | 63 |
| W. Bro. J. W. Reid .....        | W.M. | "    | 64 |
| Bro. J. Gordon .....            | J.W. | "    | 65 |
| W. Bro. D. G. Code .....        | W.M. | "    | 66 |
| Bro. J. A. Gilmore .....        | S.W. | "    | 67 |
| Bro. Wm. Jellis .....           | S.W. | "    | 68 |
| Bro. W. H. Hatcher .....        | S.W. | "    | 70 |
| W. Bro. J. H. Binns .....       | W.M. | "    | 73 |
| W. Bro. A. J. Whitby .....      | W.M. | U.D. |    |
| Bro. W. R. Shanks .....         | S.W. | U.D. |    |

### OPENING

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened IN AMPLE FORM, and with prayer.

The M.W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

### MINUTES.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9): "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at the Seventh Annual Communication, held at the City of Edmonton, on May 29th and 30th, 1912, and as appears in the printed proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

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### GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Macleod, Alta., May 28th, 1913.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

For the second time in the history of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and for the third time in the history of masonry, we meet

together in this portion of the Province of Alberta amid surroundings of beauty and grandeur which cannot fail to impress us with the power and majesty of the Great Architect of the Universe, and enable us to look up from nature unto nature's God. May our deliberations here at this time be so ordered that Peace, Love and Harmony prevail and with the most grateful acknowledgement of the many favors and blessings bestowed on us by the Ruler of the Universe may we so conduct ourselves that the welfare and efficiency of Ancient Free Masonry will be promoted and enhanced.

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF GRAND LODGE

On Friday 12th July, 1912, I had the pleasure of laying the corner stone of the Public School at Okotoks. In this work I was most ably assisted by:

R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Calgary.  
R.W. Bro. G. H. Jaurnick, Staveland.  
R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison, Macleod.  
W. Bro. D. Hope, Calgary,

and at the conclusion of the ceremony was presented by the School Board with a very handsome trowel as a memento of the occasion. Afterwards we were entertained at a banquet by the members of the School Board and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

#### FRATERNAL DEAD

While we rejoice in our own good health let us not forget the brethren who have already been called away and let us reverently recall their kind acts and efforts on behalf of the fraternity.

During the past year the last sad rites have been performed over 19 of the brethren of this jurisdiction and of 24 distinguished brethren of our sister jurisdictions. For names, dates and other particulars I refer to the Grand Secretary's report and also to the report of the committee on the fraternal dead.

Our sympathies go out to Most Worshipful Brother Thomas McNabb for the sad accident which befell him in the loss of his grandchild.

#### BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

During the past year by-laws and amendments thereto have been approved of for several lodges in the jurisdiction. It is unnecessary for me to give particulars in detail, as full information on the subject will be found in the Grand Secretary's report.

#### FINANCE

I notice with pleasure that the financial standing is very satisfactory, and for particulars and details I refer to the Financial Statement.

## DISPENSATIONS

Thirteen dispensations were granted during the past year for instituting new lodges, details of which will be found in the Grand Secretary's Report, and charters were granted to five. Dispensations were also issued upon several occasions to:

Wear regalia at Divine service,  
Elect and Install "Out of Time,"  
To change night of Regular Meeting, and  
To reconsider petitions.

The membership shows a net gain during the past year of 668.

## DECISIONS AND DISCIPLINE

I have pleasure in stating that I have not been called upon to decide any important point of Masonic Law during my term of office. The absence of such requests indicates that the brethren are making themselves more conversant with the provisions of the Constitution and are settling the points for themselves instead of submitting them to the Grand Master.

The most important question I was called upon to decide was as to whether a man minus a limb should be initiated. I decided against such an application because a man minus a limb could not possibly comply with certain requirements of either the Constitution or Ritual.

## GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

From the report of the Grand Librarian I notice with pleasure that a number of valuable and instructive works have been added to our library during the past year and I take this opportunity of thanking those who have so kindly and thoughtfully contributed.

## MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL

I notice that other Grand Lodges have taken up the question of a Masonic Home and School Fund, and I received a pressing invitation to attend the opening of a Masonic Home and School at Philadelphia and very much regretted being unable to attend. I would commend this question of Masonic Home and School Fund to the Lodges in this Jurisdiction for their consideration.

During the past year Lodges of Instruction were held at Alix, Didsbury, Gleichen, Staveland and Killam, all of which I personally attended, and, which in my opinion were a great success, and I commend that each year, in each district, such lodges should be held, and desire to impress upon Deputy District Grand Masters the importance of holding such meetings, as they have the effect of promoting harmony and good feeling, and of stimulating brotherly



## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION

sentiment, and stirring up good natured rivalry between Lodges in the effort to outdo each other in the work of conferring degrees, etc.

Owing to causes such as "Want of Space," situation, and the consequent difficulty of making railway connections, etc., Lodges of Instruction were not held in districts 1, 2, 3, and 8, but as the facilities of travelling are improving each year, no doubt all districts will be able to carry out the proposal in future. I wish to thank the D.D. G. M's. who so nobly responded when asked by me to call the Lodges together, as they left no stone unturned to make the meetings a success.

I visited as many Lodges in the Jurisdiction as I possibly could but regret to say that owing to the pressure of my public and private affairs I could not visit all, and I desire to apologize to the Master and Members of those Lodges who had looked forward to, and expected a visit from me, for my non-attendance.

Brethren, to conclude, in taking a survey of the Jurisdiction and looking back over the past year, I think there is great cause for thankfulness. We are still progressing and when we compare the present year with those that have flown, we cannot fail to realize the great advance that masonry has made in the Province of Alberta, and the many moral benefits it confers upon its members.

I desire to thank the Grand Secretary for his willing help at all times, and the support and assistance he has rendered me in the execution of my various duties.

Finally I desire to express my deep appreciation to the Craft for their many acts of kindness and courtesy, for their fraternal expressions of goodwill and esteem, and for their words of praise, and I trust the same courtesy and kindness will be extended to my successor, which have so encouraged me to do my best for the welfare of the Craft.

I wish to make my grateful acknowledgements to the Masters and Brethren for their cheerful compliance with my many requests, for the excellent manner in which their affairs have been conducted, and for their assistance and evidence of good will.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT PATTERSON, Grand Master.

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Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), and seconded by M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7): "That the address of the M.W. Grand Master be received and referred to the committee on the Grand Master's Address."

## COMMUNICATIONS.

R.W. Bro. E. Nelson Brown, Past Grand Treasurer, wrote from Dunham, Que., conveying greetings to Grand Lodge and expressing regrets at his inability to be present at this communication.

The superintendent of Dependent and Delinquent Children and the President of the Childrens' Aid Society each wrote expressing thanks and appreciation of the gift of \$100 made at last Grand Lodge Communication.

A letter of greeting was read from Isabella Duff, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Alberta, O.E.S.

A letter was read from Apollo Lodge pointing out their present precarious financial condition and requesting consideration from Grand Lodge.

Communications were read from the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands asking for recognition and exchange of representatives.

R.W. Bro. Chas. M. Smith, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Arizona wrote presenting the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Tenders for the printing of the Proceedings of this Communication were read from E. W. Rugg Co., of Winnipeg, and The Star Printing Works, of Calgary.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), and seconded by R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeor (1): "That the Communications of the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Philippine Islands as well as that from the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near the Grand Lodge of Arizona, be received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7): "That the letter from R.W. Bro. Brown and that from the Children's Aid Society, and from the Worthy Grand Matron, O.E.S., be received and filed.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23): "That the communications from E. W. Rugg Co., Star Printing Works be referred to the Finance Committee."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), and R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin : "That the communications from Apollo be referred to the Board of General Purposes."

## REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

## FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, Alta., May 5th, 1913

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother.—

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District.

## BOW RIVER LODGE NO. 1

I made my first official visit to this Lodge on the evening of September 9th and was accompanied by Bro. H. G. H. Glass, Senior Warden of Calgary Lodge No. 23. Was given a most cordial and fraternal reception.

This being their regular meeting the business routine occupied the earlier part of the evening and was disposed of in a pleasing and systematical manner; this was followed by the examination of Candidates for the F.C. Degree; I was pleased to note that the Wor. Master would not permit the passing of two of the Candidates who had failed to show suitable proficiency in the preceding degree.

The Fellow Craft Degree was then conferred upon six Candidates who were worthy and well qualified, and the impressiveness of the ceremony was very marked and decidedly pleasing to me.

I can truly report Bow River Lodge No. 1 in a thriving and prosperous condition; it is efficiently officered in every station, Secretary's Books appeared well and systematically kept; attendance very good.

On the evening of February 10th, 1913, I made my second official visit to this Lodge and again was accorded a most cordial greeting. I had the pleasure of seeing a large delegation from Calgary Lodge No. 23 who were paying an official fraternal visit.

## PERFECTION LODGE NO. 9

I visited this Lodge on evening of September 24th, was received by R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Wor. Master, Officers and

Brethren of this Lodge, in due form attended with that warmth and cordialty which made one feel that it was good to be there.

The call was for an Emergent Communication for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree and to receive an official visit from the D.D.G.M.

There were four candidates who passed a very meritorious examination in the preceding degree; the work of raising these candidates to the sublime degree of a Master Mason was of such a character that it did not seem possible that it could ever be surpassed, and was apparently perfect in all its parts. The sacred impressiveness of this work which was so distinctly emphasized to the candidates by the Wor. Master, R. Wor. Bro. W. M. Connacher, appealed to me in the strongest manner.

I feel Perfection Lodge is to be congratulated on the success which has attended their efforts and endeavors to arouse renewed interest among their Brethren.

I made my second official visit to this Lodge on evening of February 25th. They were recipients of a fraternal official visit on this occasion from Bow River Lodge No. 1, and King George Lodge No. 59.

The Degree of Master Mason was conferred in usual impressive form. The attendance was large and the evening was one of pleasure and profit to all present.

The Secretary's books are in fine order.

#### CASCADE LODGE NO. 5

I visited this Lodge officially on the evening of September 26th and was most cordially received by Wor. Master G. M. Atkin, Officers and Brethren.

This being the occasion of their regular meeting, the business routine occupied the first part of the evening which was disposed of in a prompt and harmonious manner.

The next order of business was devoted to conferring the sublime degree of a Master Mason upon a candidate who passed a very satisfactory examination in the preceding degree.

The work was performed in a most creditable manner.

I found the Secretary's books well and efficiently kept.

This Lodge is in a very satisfactory condition. I had arranged to make them a second visit early in the year, but inasmuch as they were making alterations in their Lodge room it was not possible for them to receive me.

#### CALGARY LODGE NO. 23

I made my first official visit to this Lodge on the evening of June 27th. I was most cordially and loyally received by Wor. Master H. S. Waterbury, Officers and Bretheren; considering the warmth of the evening the attendance was very good.

The call was for an emergent meeting to confer the F.C. Degree, and receive the D.D.G.M.

The Wor. Master called upon the Senior Warden, H. G. H. Glass, to confer this degree, which he did in a most efficient manner. The officers filling their respective stations are well skilled in their work and I rejoice to say that perfect harmony, good-will, and fellowship are striking characteristics of this Lodge.

The books are kept in a thoroughly up-to-date and systematic style, and reflect great credit upon their secretary, A. J. Davis.

The future progress and prosperity of Calgary Lodge No. 23 is full of promise and encouragement.

I made my second visitation to this Lodge on evening of November 15th and was most fraternally received in due form.

The F.C. Degree was conferred in creditable manner.

The attendance averages well at all meetings.

On the evening of December 28th I had the honor of installing the Officers of this Lodge for the ensuing year; this gave me much pleasure, for this being my own Lodge, I was well acquainted with the merit and efficiency of the Officers installed.

I made my final official visit to this Lodge on the evening of May 2nd, 1913. I had the honor of being present with the M.W. the Grand Master, who made his official visit, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and Junior Grand Warden. This was the night of the regular meeting of this Lodge, and after the business session, Wor. Master H. G. H. Glass conferred the first section of the Entered Apprentice degree, which he performed in a skilled and very impressive manner.

The M.W. Grand Master gave the Brethern a pleasing address and reported marked progress and advancement in Masonic circles throughout the province.

Calgary Lodge felt highly honored, and justly so, over the representation of the Grand Lodge officers they had the privilege of entertaining on this occasion.

#### ASHLAR LODGE No. 28

I made my first official visit to this Lodge on the evening of October 10th, was received in due form in the most cordial and fraternal manner.

This being the night of their regular communication, I had the opportunity of noting the smoothness and dispatch which characterized the routine work and the pleasant and harmonious manner in which all their business was transacted.

The Second Degree was exemplified in a very masterly way by the Wor. Master and his officers, and the earnestness which attended the conferring of this degree made its impression on me and I am well assured had a like effect upon the Candidate as well as all present.

Ashlar Lodge is to be congratulated upon the success which has attended its efforts thus far in the upbuilding of the Craft at large, and its individual Lodge in particular, and it has a future which possesses a very roseate hue.

The Secretary's books are O.K.

On the evening of December 26th I had the honor and pleasure of assisting R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, G.J.W. in the installation of the officers of this Lodge for the ensuing year.

On the evening of February 27th, 1913, I again visited this Lodge in my official capacity, when I witnessed the exemplification of the sublime degree of Master Mason by Wor. Master W. J. McLeod. The impressiveness and efficiency which characterized the work demonstrated that the members of Ashlar Lodge, as on previous occasions, had chosen well and wisely in the election of their officers for the year 1913.

#### KING SOLOMON LODGE No. 41

I visited this Lodge on the evening of October 25th accompanied by W. Bro. H. S. Waterbury, Wor. Master Calgary Lodge No.

23, and Bros. A. J. Davis, Geo. Law and the Williams Bros. of the same Lodge, was received in due form and tendered a very cordial greeting; I found the Lodge laboring under the disadvantage of having many of its members absent, and among them some of their officers.

The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in a pleasing manner by Wor. Bro. Waterbury and his officers present, at the request of Wor. Master D. McMillan, of King Solomon Lodge.

On examination of the books, I suggested corrections and improvements in system which will be followed in future.

This Lodge experienced a little trouble with Cascade Lodge No. 5, of Banff, brought about by accepting an initiating two candidates who resided outside of their jurisdiction; the matter being brought to my attention I recommended the recognition of the claim of Cascade Lodge No. 5 and of turning the candidates and fees over to them; this, they accordingly did and the existing difference was harmoniously adjusted.

I made my second official visit to this Lodge on the evening of Friday, March 21st, accompanied by Bro. A. J. Davis, Secretary of Calgary Lodge No. 23. I was most cordially received by the Wor. Master, Dr. Park; the attendance, membership considered, was good.

I found quite an improvement in the method in keeping their books.

Rural Lodges do not have the same advantage of materially increasing their membership such as attends larger and more populous places; a number of their members become removed to larger fields of opportunity: King Solomon Lodge has this feature to contend against, nevertheless they are making a good struggle and working together harmoniously for the best interests of their Lodge and the benefit of the craft.

They have a very neat Lodge room and all necessary requirements for proper execution of the work.

#### MOUNT LEBANON LODGE NO. 54

I had the pleasure of making my first official visit to this Lodge on the evening of November 5th accompanied by Wor. Bro. H. S. Waterbury, Wor. Master of Calgary Lodge No. 23, was received in due form and extended a fraternal reception.

The Fellow Craft degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by Wor. Master C. J. Gale.

This Lodge has a membership of 118 and average a very fair attendance, they have made most commendable progress since date of institution a little over one year ago.

They have a very proficient Secretary in the person of Br. J. Shaw, his books being in a most orderly and presentable condition.

Their financial status is good, they own all their own furniture and paraphernalia and have a nice balance in the bank to their credit.

On the evening of December 27th I had the pleasure of assisting R. Wor. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, G.J.W. in installation of the officers of this Lodge for the ensuing year.

On the evening of March 25th I again visited this Lodge officially, and, as formally, received a warm welcome.

The future outlook for Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54 is certainly bright and encouraging.

#### KING GEORGE LODGE No. 59

I made my first official visit to this Lodge on the evening of November 22nd and was accompanied by several of the Officers and Members of Calgary Lodge No. 23, was most cordially received in due form.

Wor. Bro. Flavin, I.P.M. of this Lodge presided, and the sub-lime degree of Master Mason was conferred in a most impressive manner.

This Lodge is to be congratulated upon the progress they have achieved since the date of their institution, a little over a year past, and upon the comfortable and attractive Lodge room they occupy.

I made my second visitation to this lodge on the evening of April 11th, on which occasion I was greeted with a large attendance and most cordially received in due form by Wor. Bro. Rockley, Officers and Members.

The books of this Lodge are well kept and finances in good condition; I was pleased to note that the investigating committees were careful in the discharge of their duties.



May continued success and prosperity reign over King George Lodge No. 59.

#### GENERAL

An application was made to me for permission to organize a Lodge in Crescent Heights; upon investigation I found that, altho' there was a sufficient number of Masons to warrant the request, they did not have, and could not at present obtain, a suitable hall for their purpose; I, therefore, advised the Brethren to await the time when they could procure suitable and acceptable accommodation.

In all my visitations to the sundry Lodges in Masonic District No. 1, I put forth every effort to impress upon the brethren the careful fulfillment of the duties incumbent upon all investigating committees, as the onus of protecting our portals against the reception of unworthy material rests largely upon them.

My Statistical report shows that for the year ending December 27th, 1912 we had in Masonic District No. 1, 1,374 Masons.

I am sorry to say that the average attendance of the respective Lodges is not what it ought to be.

In speaking therefore of the conditions of Masonry as I have found them in Masonic District No. 1, my report will show that all Lodges are gaining numerically, are all officered with skilled Craftsmen, are in a healthy condition financially, and all are faithful adherents to the provisions of the Constitution and acknowledged principles of Ancient Freemasonry.

My interpretation of the word "conditions" incited me to go further in my investigation than what is covered by the foregoing; I find a certain condition existing, which, if I failed to bring before the Grand Lodge, I would feel that I had been remiss in the faithful discharge of my duties.

I find that there is too much of a "railroading" process in vogue from the Blue Lodge to the higher degrees, I maintain that if Candidates after they have attained to the sublime degree of a Master Mason do not evince some interest in the light and knowledge they have been privileged to receive, and show some desire to make greater proficiency in our instructive science, and embrace, at least, some of the many opportunities afforded to acquire knowledge through the medium of her sundry communications, they will neither be benefitted, nor be a benefit, to anything beyond their mother Lodge; I, therefore, say the results of the "railroading" process are not only inimical to the best interests

of the Blue Lodge, but they wield an adverse influence upon our noble craft. It is a lamentable fact that many Masons too prematurely advanced show no interest in their respective Lodges, and generally speaking in the Masonic Art.

To this cause can largely be attributed the small average attendance in the respective Lodges which confronts us in this report.

A remedy could be found by revising section 238 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge prolonging the period of time for the passing and raising of candidates. We might, to some extent at least, follow the example set by Ancient Craft Masonry in Switzerland, where it takes from two to three years to attain to the Master Mason's Degree. I feel that the time has come for the Grand Lodge to take some cognizance of this condition, and if a plan can be formed for overcoming it, there can be no question as to the beneficial results which would be consummated.

I firmly believe that it would inure to the benefit of the fraternity if a longer period of probation was adopted by our Grand Lodge—say four months before passing to the degree of F.C. and a similar period between the F.C. and Master Mason degrees. I see nothing either in our, or in the Ancient Regulations militating against the adoption of the provision as a law.

In conclusion, I desire to convey to all the Lodges in Masonic District No. 1 a heartfelt expression of my profound gratitude for the genuine brotherly and Masonic affection which I found so liberally extended to me on all my visitations, and particularly to the Secretary of Calgary Lodge No. 23, Bro. A. J. Davis, do I extend my thanks who rendered me valuable service in the discharge of my duties.

With my earnest prayers for the continued progress and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and, for the uninterrupted influence of Masonic life and the practice of her sublime principles.

Faithfully and fraternally submitted

THOMAS SHARPE

D.D.G.M. Masonic District No. 1,  
Grand Lodge of Alberta

## SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Grassy Lake, May 20th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

## BOW ISLAND LODGE No. 64

My first official duty was to assist the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Robert Patterson, in constituting and installing the officers in this Lodge on Tuesday, August 27th. This Lodge is in good condition and its books are well kept. On May 6th I again visited this Lodge when the Third Degree was exemplified in a most perfect manner. The attendance is good and the prospects fine.

## DIAMOND LODGE No 65

On September 27th I accompanied the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Robert Patterson, and with the assistance of several brethren from North Star Lodge No. 4, in constituting this Lodge and installing its officers. This Lodge has been handicapped by having the first Master absent, but William Scott was elected in his stead, and I am glad to report that this Lodge is in a flourishing condition.

## VULCAN LODGE, U.D.

I received a petition from the brethren at Vulcan, recommended by Robert Burns No. 49. I inspected this Lodge on December 4th and found everything very favorable for instituting a Lodge at this place. I returned again on Friday, January 10th, and instituted this Lodge. I found a number of enthusiastic Masons at this place. They had arranged a fine Hall. Their regalia was in order, and there is no reason why this should not become a strong Lodge, and I take great pleasure in recommending them for your favorable consideration.

## DORIC LODGE No. 31

On the 27th December, St. John's night, I had great pleasure in assisting at a triple installation at Doric Lodge No. 31. I was

assisted by P.D.D.G.M. Stephenson in installing the officers of Doric Lodge No. 31, Bow Island No. 64, and Grassy Lake No. 57. A very enjoyable evening was had by the brethren. I again visited Doric Lodge No. 31, on Tuesday 21st January. When I inspected this Lodge I found the attendance good, and the books in fine shape, and the second degree was exemplified in a very able manner. This Lodge is in fine condition and its prospects are good. I had the pleasure of presenting P.D.D.G.M. Stephenson with his P.D.D.G.M. regalia. This was, by far the most pleasant duty, that I had to perform during the year, as I felt that Brother Stephenson was well worthy of the honor conferred upon him.

#### CHARITY LODGE, U.D.

On March 14th, I visited Charity Lodge U.D. I found this Lodge in a very flourishing condition. The first degree was exemplified by the Worshipful Master and the officers of the Lodge in a very able manner. The attendance is good. The books were written up to date. The Historical Register was in fine shape and I take great pleasure in recommending this Lodge, at this Grand Lodge, for their charter.

#### NORTH STAR NC. 4

On March 17th I visited this Lodge when the first degree was exemplified. I found the books in fine shape, the Secretary's work being the most perfect in the district. This Lodge is too well known in this district for me to make any comments. Its attendance is extra good, and its officers unexcelled.

#### LETBRIDGE LODGE No. 39

I visited this Lodge on March 20th, when the first degree was exemplified. I find this Lodge in fine condition. Its officers very able. Its books in good condition. Its condition good. I wish to congratulate this Lodge on its fine Historical Register, which has been written up by the Past Secretary, Brother Rannard, whose work is very commendable.

#### GRASSY LAKE No. 57

On May 8th, 1913, I visited this Lodge officially. I went over its books which I find in excellent condition. The attendance has been good during the year, and its prospects fair. The third degree was exemplified in good shape, and I see a bright future for this Lodge. I have always been against placing Lodges in

small towns where the population is more or less floating, therefore I have been somewhat watchful over the Lodges at Bow Island and Grassy Lake, and I am glad to admit that these Lodges in small towns are well attended and their financial condition equal with the average of the city Lodges

I am very sorry to report that on December 6th, 1912, I received a petition from the brethren of Champion to institute a Lodge at that place, but owing to a misunderstanding I was not able to inspect this Lodge when I visited Vulcan on January 10th, owing to the fact that several of the members live in the country, and I did not give them notice in time to appear. They took exception to my delay and wrote the Grand Secretary a letter of indignation, I then forwarded their petition to the Grand Secretary, and he took the matter up with them direct. I am very sorry that a misunderstanding of this kind should happen under my administration, and no doubt owe the brethren at Champion an apology.

Owing to illness in my family I have not been able to officially visit all the Lodges in this district, but I find Masonry in the Second Masonic District in a very flourishing condition. The Lodges are all making good healthy growth and I am pleased to say are in a good financial condition.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of Masonic District No. 2 for the honor they have conferred upon me in electing me D.D.G.M. I also wish to thank the brethren of the different Lodges which I have visited for the kindness and goodwill shown me when making my official visits.

Faternally submitted,

HARRY AUSTIN DRIGGS, D.D.G.M.  
District No. 2.

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### THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, April 26th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor herewith to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District for the year ending May, 1913.

On June 14th, 1912, on request of the M.W. Grand Master, I went to Edson and instituted Edson Lodge, U.D. and on April 22nd, 1913, I officially visited Edson Lodge, U.D., the F.C. degree was conferred by W.M. and assisted by the officers of the Lodge. The degree work was done in a very satisfactory manner. I also examined the books of the Lodge and found them in good order and well kept; this lodge should have been instituted by the DD.G.M. last year. I would cheerfully recommend that charter be granted to Edson Lodge.

On November 4th, 1912, by request of the M.W. Grand Master and assisted by M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop and W. Bros. Belcher, Roach, Dwyer and Kelly, I constituted Empire Lodge No. 63, V.W. Bro. MacIntosh installing the officers. This Lodge should be complimented on having a very able set of officers, and the prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

There are at present nine Lodges in No. 3 district and the prospects of several more in the near future.

The dates of my official visits are as follows:—

Edmonton No. 7 at Edmonton, March 20th, 1913.  
Jasper No. 14, at Edmonton, April 14th, 1913.  
Acacia No. 11, at Edmonton South, April 10th, 1913.  
Star of the West No. 34, at Leduc, March 4th, 1913.  
Unity No. 51, at Edmonton, April 1st, 1913.  
Empire No. 63, at Edmonton, April 7th, 1913.  
Edson, U.D., at Edson, April 22nd, 1913.  
Tawatinaw, U.D., at Athabasca Landing, instituted December 27th, 1912.  
Strathcona, U.D., at Edmonton South, instituted April 14th, 1913.

I am pleased to state that Masonry in the Third District is in a very satisfactory condition. Membership in all Lodges, I am pleased to state, is on the increase and the exemplification of degree work in all Lodges visited is very satisfactory. The books of the Lodges visited were in good order and well kept.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 3 for the honor conferred in electing me their D.D.G.M. and also the Masters and Brethren of the different Lodges visited for the kindness I have received during the past year.

Harmony and brotherly love prevail throughout the district.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. IBBOTSON, D.D.G.M.  
District No. 3.

## FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Sunnyslope, May 23rd, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to present the following report of District No. 4.

On July 25th, 1912, I visited Acme Lodge No. 60 and installed the officers, after which the M.M. degree was conferred in an efficient and dignified manner. They are again in possession of a good Lodge room. On a later date I again visited this Lodge and installed officers.

On November 12th, 1912, I visited St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66 Trochu, assisted by W. Bro. Duff and several other brethren from Mountain View Lodge and constituted the Lodge and installed the officers, after which the members of Mountain View Lodge conferred the M.M. degree in a very efficient manner.

On November 21st, 1912, I visited Carstairs Lodge No. 20. There was a fair attendance but was very sorry to find no work on, but from former visits know them to be very efficient. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

On November 22nd, 1912, I visited Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds. There was no degree work, but having seen the work put on by them on former occasions I knew them to be second to none in the district. There was a very good attendance.

On February 19th, 1913, I visited Bowden Lodge No. 42. On account of the cold weather the attendance was not so large as was expected. There was no work on, but the condition of the Lodge is in good shape.

On February 20th, 1913, I visited Innifail Lodge No. 8. There was a good attendance. The M.M. degree was conferred in a very able manner. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

On February 28th, I visited King Hiram Lodge No. 21 in company with the M.W. Grand Master, Robert Patterson, and in the afternoon we dedicated their New Lodge room which is a credit to the brethren of Didsbury. In the evening we held a

Lodge of Instruction which was represented by nearly all the Lodges of the district. The officers of Mountain View Lodge conferred the M.M. degree in the York Rite and King Hiram Lodge in the Canadian Rite. Lodges of this kind are very instructive and profitable.

I regret very much that I was not able to visit Crossfield Lodge No. 84 owing to circumstances over which I had no control.

Fraternally submitted,

R. HOLLINGER, D.D.G.M.  
District No. 4.

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#### FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Killam, May 17th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Bro.:

I beg to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District.

I find a gratifying increase of members and ability to do good work in all the Lodges. The Lodge rooms of one or two of the Lodges are not entirely suitable but on the whole the Lodge rooms, furniture and regalia are very satisfactory. The masters of all the Lodges are competent to confer degrees and very satisfactory progress is being made in working according to the new ritual. The work of all the Secretaries has been good. Returns have generally been promptly and correctly made and the various books are generally kept in good order.

As I was not present at the last communication of the Grand Lodge. I was not installed at that time, but received the benefit of installation at the hands of R.W. Bro. E. D. H. Wilkins in Wetaskiwin Lodge.

I visited all the Lodges in the District except Britannia of Ponoka. I very much regret having been unable to visit this Lodge but as they have R.W. Bro. A. Reid and R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson,



Past District Deputy Grand Masters for this District as members, I felt that they were not so badly in need of visitation as some of the other Lodges.

On November 21st, 1912, by command of the M.W. Grand Master I had the honor and the privilege of constituting Coal Lodge No. 61, at Bawlf. This Lodge, which for some time has been laboring under difficulties of different kinds, has since been making satisfactory progress.

On January 20th, 1913, by authority of the M.W. Grand Master, I instituted Harmony Lodge, U.D., at Sedgewick. There was a large attendance from Wetaskiwin, Killam and other places and we were very hospitably entertained by the brethren of Sedgewick. Harmony Lodge has been making very satisfactory progress both in numbers and ability in performing the work. On February 15th, 1913, I granted dispensation to this Lodge to remove to their present quarters, and they now have one of the best equipped Lodge rooms in the District. I visited this Lodge again on April 21st and saw the brethren from Tuscan Lodge, Killam, put on the work of the third degree in a very creditable manner.

During the year the brethren of Wetaskiwin Lodge exemplified the work of the third degree in Tuscan Lodge and arrangements have now been made for Tuscan Lodge to put on the work of this degree in the near future in Wetaskiwin Lodge. This is a practice strongly to be recommended to all neighboring Lodges as tending greatly to promote skill and uniformity in the work.

On February 21st, 1913, a Lodge of Instruction was held in Tuscan Lodge, Killam, when we were favored by the presence and great assistance of the M.W. Grand Master, R.W. Bros. Wilkins and Jackson, P.D.D.G.M's., W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling and W. Bro. J. H. Lewis of Edmonton. Every Lodge in the District was represented and had one of their officers acting as an officer of the Lodge of Instruction. The work of the first degree by the officers of Wetaskiwin Lodge, that of the second degree by Camrose Lodge and that of the third degree by Tuscan Lodge. A visitor's examination by brethren of Provost Lodge, a question drawer and criticism and discussion occupied the balance of a very busy day of three sessions. There was a total attendance of about eighty and but for a small wreck on the railroad there would have been over one hundred present. This Lodge was very enthusiastically received and the opinion expressed that it should be an annual event in the District.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren and officers of the District for the honor they have conferred on me and for the un-

failing courtesy and co-operation extended to me on all occasions during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted

E. H. MALCOLM, D.D.G.M.  
District No. 5

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### SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Stavely, May 20th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M

Most Worshipful Sir and Bro.:

As District Deputy Grand Master I have the honor to herewith submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District, also of my official acts during the past year.

On August 13th, 1912, I had the honor of accompanying the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to Corinthian Lodge No. 22, the occasion being the laying of the corner stone of the new Public School at Okotoks. The ceremony was performed by Most Worshipful Brother Patterson, assisted by several officers and members of Grand Lodge. This not only proved to be a gala day for the Lodge, but for the general public of Okotoks as well, a large concourse of citizens being present to witness the ceremony. As a fitting conclusion a banquet was served, where a large number of ladies were present.

I again had the honor of accompanying the M.W. the Grand Master of this Lodge on January 3rd, 1913, when he conferred the Master Mason's degree on Bro. Geo. Hoadly, past and present Member of Parliament, after which I was requested to instal the officers, all of whom I am convinced, will make a good record for themselves and the Lodge during the present year. This Lodge has a very handsome room to meet in, and is very well equipped, the average attendance is good; they are also fortunate in having the unstinted support and guidance of R.W. Bro. Hodson, who also acts as secretary, and it is needless to add that the books are well kept.

## STAVELY LODGE No. 33

On receiving instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master, I called a Lodge of Instruction to be held in Stavelly on January 30th, 1913, to which all officers of the different Lodges in this District were requested to be present. I had the honor to accompany the M.W. the Grand Master on this occasion, but it is with profound regret that I am obliged to report that this Lodge of Instruction proved to be anything but a success as far as attendance from any outside Lodge was concerned, Corinthian Lodge No. 22, of Okotoks, being the only one that was represented, however, the attendance of the local Lodge was good and the M.M. degree was conferred in a very efficient and impressive manner. This Lodge is very successful, not only masonically, but financially as well, it being the only Lodge in the District that owns its own hall and building, same well furnished, the indebtedness of which is steadily decreasing, and it will be only a few more years when every dollar of same will be wiped out. These brethren also believe that the success of a Lodge depends chiefly on the ability and efficiency of the presiding officer, for which reason they have elected the present Master, W. Bro. Hopkins, for the third time during the last four years, a precedent which might well be followed by some of the other Lodges.

## CORNERSTONE LODGE No. 19, HIGH RIVER

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on February 25th, when I was exceptionally well received by the brethren. By request of the W. Master, W. Bro. Francis, who was indisposed, the M.M. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Gould, a Past Master of this Lodge in a very impressive manner, ably assisted by the rest of the officers. The average attendance of this Lodge is good and its books are exceptionally well kept, the Secretary, Bro. Thomas, being one of the best in the District.

## NANTON LODGE No. 17

I had the pleasure not only of visiting this Lodge on March 22nd, but also to instal its Master by special dispensation of Grand Master, after which the M.M. degree was conferred by the I.P.M. W. Bro. Blake, in a very able manner. This Lodge is the oldest in the District, the average attendance is good and the books are well kept, especially the Historical Register. Too much praise cannot be given to its Secretary Bro. Dr. McKeague.

## JOPPA LODGE No. 40, GRANUM

I had made arrangements to visit this Lodge and instal its officers on January 16, 1913, but owing to the unusual delay of trains, I did not reach this place until 12 o'clock at night, when I found to my greatest relief that Providence had brought R.W. Bro. Murison of Macleod to Joppa Lodge that evening, where he was able and kind enough to instal its officers in my stead. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking R.W. Bro. Murison for his kindness, which was never more appreciated than it was by me that night. Waiting to receive notice of some degree work, I did not visit this Lodge again until May 15th, 1913, and then it being only the regular meeting. In the absence of the W.M., W. Bro. Nicholson, W. Bro. McDermot, a Past Master of this Lodge presided. Attendance was rather small, owing to most of the members being farmers and for them the most inconvenient time of the year to attend. However, the members present were very enthusiastic and I am only sorry that I could not see them at work.

## CAIRO LODGE NO. 32, CLARESHOLM

I am exceedingly sorry to state I was unable to visit this Lodge earlier during my official year, because for the last four months I have been waiting to receive notice of some degree work, but without avail. I finally made arrangements to make my official visit on the regular meeting to be held May 20th, but owing to the small attendance at this time of the year, I was requested by the Secretary to postpone my visit until May 27th, when he assured me a good attendance. To this I could only reply, that it was impossible for me to attend as I had to leave on the 27th to attend Grand Lodge convening the 28th. However, I am not wholly uninformed as regards this Lodge. I had the honor to be present at a farewell banquet tendered to the late Brother Cornwall, before his departure for the East, an occasion where I was only too well impressed with the true Masonic spirit that prevailed amongst the Brethren.

## GENERAL

I am pleased to add that Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District is in a very satisfactory condition, nevertheless, I would recommend to my successor the advisability of calling a Lodge of Instruction to be held sometime during the ensuing year, for I am more than ever convinced, that a great and lasting benefit can be derived from such by the different Lodges, and I am sure that, when once the brethren become interested in same, they will look with pleas-

ure towards such meetings. I would also recommend that my successor would make it a point to visit the Lodges, especially those working the York Rite, while the M.M. degree is being exemplified; only by doing so, we can hope to see this work done more uniformly and thereby comply with the wishes of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 6 for the honor of electing me as their D.D.G.M., and also for the kind and fraternal manner in which I have been received by the different Lodges.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. H. JAURNICK, D.D.G.M.

District No. 6.

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#### SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Gleichen, May 15th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Bro.:

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District for the past year.

On September 13th under instructions from the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, I instituted Quarry Lodge, U.D., at Redcliff. In this I was assisted by R.W. Bro. J. H. Binns of Brooks and W. Bro. J. Elliot of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2. A large number of visiting brethren from Medicine Hat and other points were present. This Lodge starts under very favorable conditions; their Lodge room being well situated; the officers and brethren are enthusiastic and I have every reason to believe that Quarry Lodge has a bright future before it.

#### STRATHMORE LODGE NO. 53

I visited this Lodge on October 21st and saw the third degree conferred in a very creditable manner. The Secretary's work in this Lodge is particularly worthy of mention, the Historical Register being well written and the finances in excellent shape. This Lodge also has the best average attendance of any Lodge in this district.

On the 27th December I again visited this Lodge and installed the officers. After the ceremony, on behalf of the Lodge, I had the pleasure of presenting the retiring Master, W. Bro. Clement, with a Past Master's Jewel. W. Bro. Clement has been the Master of this Lodge since its institution two years ago and great credit is due to him for the able manner in which he has managed its affairs.

#### LANGDON LODGE NO. 52

I visited Langdon Lodge on November 21st and saw the first degree exemplified in a manner which showed that the officers knew their work thoroughly. I regret to state, however, that the books of this Lodge were in a deplorable shape, the Register not having been properly signed at some of their meetings and on several occasions Notices of Meetings not sent out. I pointed out these matters to the Worshipful Master and was informed that they expected to have a new Secretary in a short time and I was assured that in future the business of the Lodge would be conducted in a more systematic manner. As the result of a fire which visited Langdon last November, this Lodge was unfortunate in losing their books, regalia, and charter, and have as yet been unable to secure a proper place for meeting but arrangements are now under consideration whereby they expect to have new quarters in the near future.

#### \*GLEICHEN LODGE NO. 36

On August 27th I visited Gleichen Lodge and saw the third degree conferred in an efficient manner. This is the oldest Lodge in the district and has a well-furnished and comfortable hall. This Lodge is to be congratulated in having for its Secretary, R. W. Bro. Stocken, his books being exceedingly well kept. I again visited this Lodge on December 27th and installed the officers for 1913.

#### BASSANO LODGE NO. 55

On December 31st I visited Bassano Lodge and installed their officers. This Lodge has been rather unfortunate in not having a proper hall to meet in and having been obliged to use the Presbyterian Church until better arrangements can be made. Owing to this I regret that I was unable to see any degree work but from the very capable set of officers they have, I feel satisfied that they are proficient in their work. The Secretary's books and the finances of the Lodge are now in good shape. The Lodge has property of its own and are looking forward to having a new building before the end of the year.

## BROOKS LODGE U.D.

On January 3rd I instituted Brooks Lodge at Brooks. I was accompanied on this occasion by several of the brethren from Bassano, Gleichen and Redcliff. This Lodge is fortunate in having for its first Worshipful Master, R.K. Bro. J. H. Binns, and under his guidance I feel satisfied that it will make excellent progress.

## LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

On January 28th I held a Lodge of Instruction at Gleichen Lodge No. 36, at which all the Lodges in the Seventh Masonic District met together. The attendance was very large, every Lodge being well represented. The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, was also present on his official visit and met the brethren of the different Lodges. The first degree was conferred by the officers of Strathmore and Gleichen Lodges in a creditable manner. Both these Lodges work the Canadian Rite. The third degree in the Ancient York Rite, was conferred by brethren of Bassano, Brooks, Langdon and Redcliff Lodges in a way which could not fail to make a favorable impression on all who attended.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 7 for the honor they have conferred upon me, and to express my appreciation for the courteous and friendly manner in which I was received by them on my several visits.

Faternally submitted,

A. R. YATES, D.D.G.M.  
District No. 7

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EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Macleod, May 23rd, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to submit the following as my report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District for the year 1913.

The District extends from Diamond City on the east to Coleman on the west and contains 6 Lodges all of which I am happy to say

have made good progress and show a decided increase in membership and an active interest taken in them by the brethren.

I had the pleasure to accompany the Grand Master on several of his official visits, viz, at Okotoks, Stavelly, Pincher Creek and Macleod, and at the request of R.W. Bro. Jaurnick I installed the officers of Joppa Lodge No. 40, at Granum on January 16th last.

During my term of office I officially visited the Lodge in the District on the undermentioned dates:—

Alberta No. 3, at Macleod, 27th December 1912.

Spitzie No. 6, at Pincher Creek, 14th June, 1912.

Sentinel No. 26, at Hillcrest, 14th May, 1913.

Summitt No. 30, at Coleman, 15th May, 1913.

Chinook No. 47, at Cowley, 19th May, 1913.

Diamond City No. 65, at Diamond City, 9th May, 1913.

and found the work on the part of the officers most capably and impressively performed.

The books and records were well and carefully kept and I am pleased to notice that the Secretaries are more particular in keeping up the historical records than has been done in the past.

I particularly desire to mention the Historical Register of Diamond City Lodge No. 65, which is not only written in a most interesting manner but is illustrated by many pen and ink sketches referring to subjects mentioned in the text and which adds materially to its interest and value as a record.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren of the District most sincerely for the honor they have conferred upon me and to express my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

DARNLEY L. MURISON, D.D.G.M.

District No. 8.

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#### NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Alta., May 14th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to submit the following report respecting District No. 9.



I am pleased to report that Masonry in this district has made good progress during the past year. I have instituted three new Lodges and from present indications I think that there will be at least four new lodges instituted during this year.

It is with pleasure that I find the officers of the Lodges doing their duty to their Lodges, and to the Craft in general, and without exception have found them capable and earnest.

I find that the Lodges are giving more attention to charities than they have done in the past, and for this I think they deserve commendation.

The class of candidates being initiated into the Lodges are of the best and I have impressed on the Lodges that the greatest care should be exercised in accepting candidates.

I feel sure that Masonry will continue to make great progress in this district

#### BEAVER NO. 56, CASTOR

On January 8th, 1913, I had the honor to visit this Lodge. Two candidates were initiated on this occasion, and the work was put on in a very satisfactory manner. They have a good hall and it is well furnished, and the Lodge is making very good progress. The attendance of members is good and the finances are in good shape.

#### CORONATION LODGE U.D.

On January 9th, 1913, I had the honor to institute the above Lodge. On this occasion I was accompanied by several members of Ionic Lodge No. 45 of Alix, and the institution was carried out in a very satisfactory manner. This Lodge is using the Canadian Work. They have a good Lodge room, well furnished. On May 7th I again visited this Lodge and was pleased to see the good attendance and the manner in which the officers have got off their work, and I would recommend that a charter be granted to this Lodge.

#### IONIC LODGE NO. 45

On January 16th, 1913, I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. Grand Master to attend a Lodge of Instruction at Ionic Lodge No. 45 at Alix. Although all the lodges in this district had been invited to attend, only Eureka No. 10 and Ionic No. 45 attended. Eureka No. 10 exemplified the second degree and Ionic

No. 45 exemplified the first and third degrees and I do not think that the work of either Lodge could be excelled in the province. With regard to Ionic Lodge No. 45, the Lodge of which I am a member, I have attended all their meetings and in my opinion it is the best Lodge of my district. They have a good Lodge room, well furnished, the attendance of members is good, and the finances are in good shape.

#### APOLLO LODGE NO. 27, STETTLER

On March 3rd I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge and I am glad to report that this Lodge has made extra good progress during the year. They now have a nice Lodge room, well furnished, and the attendance of members is good. The books are well kept and the finances in good shape. On my visit I saw two candidates receive their second degree and the work was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner.

#### FIDELITY LODGE U.D, BASHAW

On March 4th I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. the Grand Master to institute this Lodge. I was accompanied on this occasion by a large number of brethren from Ionic Lodge No. 45. This Lodge is also working the Canadian Work. They have a nice room, well furnished and the enthusiasm of the members is very good.

#### EUREKA LODGE NO. 10, LACOMBE

On March 5th I visited this Lodge. I saw the third degree exemplified and the manner in which the work was done was very excellent. They have the best Lodge room in my district and it is very well equipped. The attendance of members is good and the books are very well kept. The finances are in good shape.

#### RED DEER LODGE NO. 12, RED DEER

On March 11th I visited this Lodge. I saw the second degree conferred and the work was fairly good. The attendance of members is poor for the number of members in this Lodge. The finances are the best in this district and they intend to build a Temple in the near future. The present Lodge room is not adequate. The books are well kept.

#### KENILWORTH NO. 29, RED DEER

On April 1st I visited this Lodge. This Lodge is working under the Canadian Work and I saw the first degree conferred in

a very satisfactory manner. The officers are well up in their work. The attendance is good, the books are well kept and the finances are fairly good.

#### HANNA LODGE U.D., HANNA

On May 8th I instituted this Lodge. On this occasion I was accompanied by several members of Beaver Lodge No. 56 of Castor. This Lodge is also working under the Canadian Work. This Lodge commences with 18 Charter members and I predict a bright future for them. They have a good Lodge room, well equipped, and the officers know their work very well.

I am pleased to see that the various Lodges are keeping their regalia and furniture well insured and that they are using good judgment in accepting candidates.

As this district is so large and as so many new Lodges are applying for dispensations, I would recommend that this district be divided into two districts, No. 9 district taking in Red Deer No. 12, Kenilworth No. 29, Eureka No. 10, Ionic No. 45, Fidelity, U.D.; and the new district consisting of Apollo No. 27, Beaver No. 56, Coronation, U.D. and Hanna, U.D.

Fraternally submitted,

F. R. MITCHELL, D.D.G.M.  
District No. 9.

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#### TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Vermilion, May 24th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District.

My first official act was to institute Connaught Lodge, at Viking. This was done on October 1st, 1912. This Lodge starts life with a membership of twelve, two of whom are Past Grand Lodge

officers of the Grand Lodge of England, so that we may expect to hear of a rapid increase in membership in this Lodge and I would recommend that a charter be granted.

On October 25th, accompanied by three Past Masters and some of the brothers of Vermilion Lodge, Vermilion, I paid Hope Lodge No. 38, Mannville, an official visit and I beg to report that the prospects of this Lodge are very much improved. Books are well kept and good fellowship prevails.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 25, VEGREVILLE

I visited this Lodge on November 4th, 1912, and saw the third degree exemplified. The work was well done, and there was a good attendance. The books are accurately kept. Membership is increasing and harmony prevails.

#### VERMILION LODGE NO. 24, VERMILION

On December 27th I officiated as Installing Master at a joint installation of officers held in Masonic Hall, Vermilion, when the officers of Vermilion Lodge No. 24 and Hope Lodge No. 38, were severally installed in their respective offices. A very profitable and pleasant evening was spent. The books of Vermilion Lodge are well and accurately kept and Lodge membership is increasing rapidly. I am unable to give an accurate financial statement as the Secretary is quarantined but I can assure you this Lodge is in good shape financially.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Acting under instruction received from the M.W. Grand Master a Central Lodge of Instruction for the Tenth Masonic District was called to be held in Masonic Hall on January 7th, 1913, but through a combination of circumstances the attendance was small, only three Lodges being represented. The M.W. Grand Master was present and gave the brothers the benefit of his superior knowledge in showing how the secret work should be exemplified. In my humble opinion these Central Lodges of Instruction are the best means yet adopted for the purpose of bringing about a uniform mode of working. Altogether a very profitable time was spent by those present.

#### BUFFALO PARK LODGE NO. 44, WAINWRIGHT

On May 15th I visited this Lodge and saw the second degree conferred. The work was well done. The attendance fair. The books of the Lodge are well kept and good feeling prevails.

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## VICTORIA LODGE NO. 13, FORT SASKATCHEWAN

I visited this Lodge on May 20th and witnessed the conferring of the first degree. The Master and officers did their work exceptionally well. Attendance was small. Books are well and accurately kept.

## PALESTINE LODGE NO. 46, TOFIELD .

I visited this Lodge on May 22nd and had the pleasure of seeing the third degree conferred by the W.M. of the Lodge who is exceptionally well skilled. The books are neatly and accurately kept and the prospects of this Lodge are good.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brothers of this District for the honor conferred on me and for the very courteous and friendly manner in which I have been received when visiting the different Lodges in my District.

Fraternally submitted

M. A. BRIMACOMBE, D.D.G.M.

District No. 10.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1), seconded by W. Bro. W. G. Congdon (11): "That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Committee on the condition of Masonry."

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## REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of  
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Bretheren:—

I hereby submit a statement of receipts and disbursements of  
Grand Lodge from January 31st, 1912 to Dec. 31st, 1912.

| 1912  |     | Receipts                                  |            |
|-------|-----|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Jan.  | 31— | Balance to Credit of Grand Lodge .....    | \$1,822 77 |
| March | 11— | To Credit by Grand Secretary .....        | 968 34     |
| April | 17— | " " " " .....                             | 464 49     |
| April | 11— | " " " " .....                             | 677 15     |
| June  | 10— | " " " " .....                             | 82 40      |
| July  | 9—  | " " " " .....                             | 993 60     |
| July  | 10— | " " " " .....                             | 896 55     |
| Nov.  | 28— | " " " " .....                             | 506 45     |
| Dec.  | 10— | " " " " .....                             | 637 15     |
| Dec.  | 31— | " " " " .....                             | 985 45     |
| 1913  |     |                                           |            |
| Jan.  | 31— | " " Transfer Dep. from H. & S. Fund ..... | 25 00      |

Total ..... \$8,059.35

## Disbursements

|      |     |                                               |         |
|------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Feb. | 17— | By Cheque, Mrs. Harriett Ellis .....          | \$50 00 |
| Feb. | 17— | " " Dominion Regalia Co. ....                 | 57 40   |
| Feb. | 17— | " " E. W. Rugg Co. ....                       | 40 00   |
| Feb. | 17— | " " G. L. of C. "Work" .....                  | 30 00   |
| Feb. | 17— | " " G. L. of M. "Ceremonies" .....            | 9 60    |
| Feb. | 17— | " " Linton Bros. ....                         | 10 20   |
| Feb. | 17— | " " J. D. McAra .....                         | 23 10   |
| Feb. | 17— | " " G. Secy., Exp. Acct., Salary & Rent ..... | 440 25  |
| May  | 4—  | " " Linton Bros. ....                         | 8 45    |
| May  | 4—  | " " Pantagraph Printing Co. ....              | 34 18   |
| May  | 4—  | " " Dominion Regalia Co. ....                 | 30 87   |
| May  | 4—  | " " J. D. McAra, Printing .....               | 31 50   |
| May  | 1—  | " " J. H. Dickinson .....                     | 60      |
| May  | 4—  | " " J. E. Bull, Insurance .....               | 19 60   |
| May  | 4—  | " " Grand Secretary .....                     | 413 90  |
| June | 6—  | " " Dominion Regalia Co., Toronto ...         | 57 35   |
| June | 6—  | " " Linton Bros. ....                         | 5 10    |
| June | 6—  | " " J. D. McAra .....                         | 14 75   |
| June | 6—  | " " Calgary Bookbinding Co. ....              | 3 75    |
| June | 6—  | " " J. H. Dickinson .....                     | 1 50    |
| June | 6—  | " " R. H. Finch .....                         | 19 75   |

Carried forward ..... \$1,301.85

|          |   |                                           |            |
|----------|---|-------------------------------------------|------------|
|          |   | Brought forward .....                     | \$1,301.85 |
| June 6—  | " | G. Macdonald, G. Secretary .....          | 270 30     |
| June 15— | " | B. B. Chadwick .....                      | 100 00     |
| July 6—  | " | R. Harrison .....                         | 18 00      |
| July 6—  | " | Linton Bros. ....                         | 3 15       |
| July 6—  | " | G. Macdonald, G. Secretary .....          | 168 60     |
| Aug. 1—  | " | G.L. of C., 50 copies of "Work"....       | 50 00      |
| Aug. 1—  | " | J. D. McAra .....                         | 12 50      |
| Aug. 1—  | " | J. McNabb, G.L. Expenses .....            | 128 57     |
| Aug. 1—  | " | Pacific Cartage Co. ....                  | 7 73       |
| Aug. 1—  | " | Grand Secretary .....                     | 156 00     |
| Aug. 1—  | " | The Reid Press, Hamilton .....            | 1,192 90   |
| Aug. 1—  | " | E. D. Fisher .....                        | 100 00     |
| Aug. 1—  | " | W. M. Connacher .....                     | 7 10       |
| Sept. 9— | " | E. W. Rugg, Constitutions .....           | 1,092 90   |
| Sept. 9— | " | City Cartage Co. ....                     | 18 60      |
| Sept. 9— | " | Calgary Bookbinding Co. ....              | 6 00       |
| Sept. 9— | " | Grand Secretary's Salary .....            | 159 00     |
| Oct. 7—  | " | J. D. McAra, Printing .....               | 31 00      |
| Oct. 7—  | " | G. Macdonald, G. Secretary .....          | 173 70     |
| Nov. 22— | " | Pacific Cartage Co. ....                  | 3 70       |
| Nov. 22— | " | Linton Bros. ....                         | 2 70       |
| Nov. 22— | " | J. H. Dickinson .....                     | 40         |
| Nov. 22— | " | Grand Secretary .....                     | 175 35     |
| Dec. 6—  | " | Star Printing Works .....                 | 80 00      |
| Dec. 6—  | " | City Cartage Co. ....                     | 3 39       |
| Dec. 6—  | " | F. W. Taylor Co. ....                     | 62 00      |
| Dec. 6—  | " | J. D. McAra .....                         | 7 00       |
| Dec. 6—  | " | Grand Secretary, Salary and Cartage ..... | 152 10     |
| Dec. 28— | " | Rugg Co., Printing Proceedings ..         | 674 00     |
| Dec. 28— | " | Star Printing Co., Sundry Printing.       | 41 00      |
| Dec. 28— | " | Grand Secy., Salary and Sundries..        | 172 55     |
| Dec. 31— | " | Britannia Lodge Cheque Chd. back ..       | 26 65      |
| Dec. 31— | " | Apollo Lodge cheque charged back ..       | 20 50      |

Total Expenditure ..... \$6,419 24

Balance to Credit of Grand Lodge.. \$1,640 11

Fraternally submitted,

N. J. LINDSAY,

Grand Treasurer.

Certified Correct: { S. J. BLAIR, }  
                           { F. ENGLISH, } Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (22), seconded by W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28): "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Finance Committee."

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I herewith present the Eighth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing an account of all monies received by me during the year ending January 31st, 1913, the expenditures made, a cash statement, statement of receipts, loss and gain and balance sheet; also a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 27th, 1912, together with, by instruction of the M.W. Grand Master, Special Communications summoned, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, dispensations issued, Grand Representatives appointed, and all other official acts of the M.W. Grand Master, and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

## PROCEEDINGS

One thousand copies of the Proceedings of the Last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. This number was barely sufficient to meet the demands, and, owing to our steadily increasing growth, will require to be increased.

## CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Clause 58(12) of Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have completed and issued 545 Master Mason's Certificates for brethren raised during the year.

Seven Life Member's Certificates were prepared and issued.

45 Past Master's Certificates were prepared and issued to Past Masters making request for same.

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Okotoks, on July 12, 1912, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the New School House at Okotoks.

## CHARTERS

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the undermentioned lodges, and these lodges were duly



constituted and their officers installed by the M.W. Grand Master or brethren commissioned by him for that purpose, viz:—

Coal Lodge No. 62, at Bawlf, Alberta, in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted November 27th, 1912, by R.W. Bro. E.H. Malcolm, D.D.G.M.

Empire Lodge, No. 63, at Edmonton, Alberta, in the Third Masonic District, constituted November 4th, 1912, by R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson, D.D.G.M.

Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, at Bow Island, Alberta, in the Second Masonic District, constituted August 2nd, 1912, by M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson, Grand Master.

Diamond City Lodge, No. 65, at Diamond City, Alberta, in the Eighth Masonic District, constituted September 27th 1912, by M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson, Grand Master.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, at Trochu, Alberta, in the Fourth Masonic District, constituted November 11th, 1912, by R.W. Bro. R. Hollinger, D.D.G.M.

#### NEW LODGES

The undermentioned New Lodges were duly instituted under dispensation, viz:—

**Charity Lodge** at Lethbridge, in the Second Masonic District, fourteen charter members. Dispensation issued April 23rd, 1912. R. B. C. Thomson, W.M.; John A. Gilmore, S. W.; Harvey Hart, J. W. Instituted May 17th, 1912, by M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb, Grand Master.

**Edson Lodge** at Edson, in the Third Masonic District, ten charter members. Dispensation issued May 4th, 1912. Alonzo Haines, W.M.; William Jellis, S.W.; James R. Andrews, J.W. Instituted June 14th, 1912, by R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson, D.D.G.M.

**Connaught Lodge** at Viking, in the Tenth Masonic District, eleven charter members. Dispensation issued July 19th, 1912. Wm. McAthey, W.M.; Thomas Arthur Cox, S.W.; Harry L. Caine, J.W. Instituted October 1st, 1912, by R.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe, D.D.G.M.

**Quarry Lodge** at Redcliff, in the Seventh Masonic District, nine charter members. Dispensation issued September 7th, 1912. A.

J. Nicholson, W.M.; Wm. H. Hatcher, S.W.; John Rutherford, J.W. Instituted September 13th, 1912, by R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates, D.D.G.M.

**Tawatinaw Lodge** at Athabasca Landing, in the Third Masonic District, ten charter members. Dispensation issued December 13th, 1912. C. A. Dallas, W.M.; C. Pratt, S.W.; J. C. Hendry, J.W. Instituted December 27th, 1912, by R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson, D.D.G.M.

**Coronation Lodge** at Coronation, in the Ninth Masonic District, eight charter members. Dispensation issued December 13th, 1912. F. S. Mitchell, W.M.; J. G. Odell, S.W.; L. A. Corey, J.W. Instituted January 9th, 1913, by R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell, D.D.G.M.

**Brooks Lodge** at Brooks, in the Seventh Masonic District, fourteen charter members. Dispensation issued December 13th, 1912. J. H. Binns, W.M.; C. E. Anderson, S.W.; A. P. Chudleigh, J.W. Instituted January 2nd, 1913, by R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates, D.D.G.M.

**Vulcan Lodge** at Vulcan, in the Second Masonic District, seven charter members. Dispensation issued December 13th, 1912. D. H. Galbraith, W.M.; T. Baird, S.W.; A. C. Galbraith, J.W. Instituted January 10th, 1913, by R.W. Bro. H. A. Driggs, D.D.G.M.

**Harmony Lodge** at Sedgewick, in the Fifth Masonic District, seven charter members. Dispensation issued December 31st, 1912. A. M. McKee, W.M.; J. E. Coombes, S.W.; Wm. Haynes, J.W. Instituted January 20th, 1913, by R. W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm, D.D.G.M.

**Fidelity Lodge** at Bashaw, in the Ninth Masonic District, eight charter members. Dispensation issued January 18th, 1913. A. J. Whitby, W.M.; W. R. Shanks, S.W.; J. A. Marshall, J.W. Instituted March 4th, 1913, by R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell, D.D.G.M.

**Champion Lodge** at Champion, in the Sixth Masonic District, ten charter members. Dispensation issued March 27th 1913. W. B. Blackly, W.M.; J. H. Hughes, S.W.; J. N. Beaubier, J.W. Instituted April 8th, 1913, by R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson, P.D.D.G.M.

**Strathcona Lodge** at Edmonton South, in the Third Masonic District, twelve charter members. Dispensation issued March 27th, 1913. Robert Wynn, W.M.; John McWithey, S.W.; W. B. K. Dowley, J.W. Instituted April 14th, 1913, by R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson, D.D.G.M.

**Hanna Lodge** at Hanna, in the Fifth Masonic District, eighteen charter members. Dispensation issued April 7th, 1913. J. A. McLure, W.M.; O. C. Smith, S.W.; M. S. Macleod, J.W. Instituted May 8th, 1913, by R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell, D.D.G.M.

#### FIRE

Two Lodges, Acme No. 60 and Langdon No. 52 have suffered from effects of fire during the past year. New charters and supplies were sent to enable them to resume work.

#### BY-LAWS APPROVED

The M.G. Grand Master has examined and approved the by-laws of the following Lodges:—

|                             |       |          |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Grassy Lake, No. 57 .....   | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Mount Lebanon, No. 54 ..... | March | 27, 1913 |
| Innisfail, No. 8 .....      | May   | 1, 1913  |

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

|                             |       |          |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Mountain View, No. 16 ..... | July  | 3, 1912  |
| Ashlar, No. 28 .....        | Sept. | 14, 1912 |
| Jasper, No. 14 .....        | Feb.  | 10, 1913 |
| Bow River, No. 1 .....      | Feb.  | 10, 1913 |
| Bow River, No. 1 .....      | April | 25, 1913 |

#### CERTIFICATE RE INCORPORATION OF LOCAL LODGES

Certificates as called for by the Grand Lodge Act of Incorporation were issued to Cascade Lodge, No. 5 and Alberta Lodge No. 3, to enable them to secure Incorporation under the Act.

#### DISPENSATIONS

The following Dispensations have been issued by direction of the M.W. Grand Master:—

#### TO WEAR REGALIA AT DIVINE SERVICE

|                                |      |          |
|--------------------------------|------|----------|
| Eureka, No. 10 .....           | June | 3, 1912  |
| Provost, No. 61 .....          | June | 6, 1912  |
| Vermilion, No. 24 .....        | June | 15, 1912 |
| North Star, No. 4 .....        | June | 15, 1912 |
| Ionic, No. 45 .....            | June | 15, 1912 |
| Star of the West, No. 34 ..... | June | 15, 1912 |
| Edson, U.D. ....               | June | 15, 1912 |
| Strathmore, No. 53 .....       | June | 18, 1912 |
| Mountain View, No. 16 .....    | June | 18, 1912 |

|                          |       |          |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|
| Lethbridge, No. 39 ..... | June  | 22, 1912 |
| Cairo, No. 32 .....      | June  | 22, 1912 |
| Kenilworth, No. 29 ..... | June  | 22, 1912 |
| Ashlar, No. 28 .....     | June  | 22, 1912 |
| Stavely, No. 33 .....    | July  | 4, 1912  |
| Victoria, No. 13 .....   | Sept. | 7, 1912  |
| Brooks, U.D. ....        | Feb.  | 15, 1913 |
| Beaver, No. 56 .....     | May   | 17, 1913 |
| Acacia, No. 11 .....     | May   | 17, 1913 |

## TO ELECT AND INSTAL OUT OF TIME

|                            |       |          |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Acme, No. 60 .....         | Jan.  | 2, 1913  |
| St. Andrew, No. 66 .....   | Jan.  | 23, 1913 |
| Provost, No. 61 .....      | April | 1, 1913  |
| King Solomon, No. 41 ..... | May   | 17, 1913 |
| Empire, No. 63 .....       | May   | 17, 1913 |

## TO HOLD SPECIAL INSTALLATION

|                              |       |          |
|------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Palestine, No. 46 .....      | June  | 15, 1912 |
| Chief Mountain, No. 58 ..... | July  | 18, 1912 |
| North Star, No. 4 .....      | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Ashlar, No. 28 .....         | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Calgary, No. 23 .....        | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Bassano, No. 55 .....        | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Hope, No. 38 .....           | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Empire, No. 63 .....         | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Unity, No. 51 .....          | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Provost, No. 61 .....        | Dec.  | 16, 1912 |
| Acacia, No. 11 .....         | Dec.  | 19, 1912 |
| Lethbridge, No. 39 .....     | Dec.  | 26, 1912 |
| Corinthian, No. 22 .....     | Dec.  | 30, 1912 |
| Joppa, No. 40 .....          | Jan.  | 2, 1913  |
| Comet, No. 50 .....          | Jan.  | 20, 1913 |
| Nanton, No. 17 .....         | March | 12, 1913 |

## FOR NEW LODGES

|                                  |       |          |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Connaught at Viking .....        | July  | 19, 1912 |
| Quarry at Redcliff .....         | Sept. | 7, 1912  |
| Tawatinaw at Athabaska Landing.. | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Coronation at Coronation .....   | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Brooks at Brooks .....           | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Vulcan at Vulcan .....           | Dec.  | 13, 1912 |
| Harmony at Sedgewick .....       | Dec.  | 31, 1912 |
| Fidelity at Bashaw .....         | Jan.  | 18, 1913 |
| Champion at Champion .....       | March | 27, 1913 |
| Strathcona at Strathcona .....   | March | 27, 1913 |
| Hanna at Hanna .....             | April | 7, 1913  |

## TO CHANGE NIGHT OF REGULAR MEETING

|                           |       |          |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| Buffalo Park No. 44 ..... | June  | 3, 1912  |
| Coronation, U.D. ....     | April | 15, 1913 |

## SPECIAL MEETING

|                      |      |         |
|----------------------|------|---------|
| Cascade, No. 5 ..... | Aug. | 9, 1912 |
|----------------------|------|---------|

## RECONSIDER PETITIONS

|                      |       |          |
|----------------------|-------|----------|
| Edson, U.D. ....     | Sept. | 20, 1912 |
| Empire, No. 63 ..... | Feb.  | 10, 1913 |

## INSUFFICIENT RESIDENCE

|                          |       |          |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|
| Corinthian, No. 22 ..... | Aug.  | 17, 1912 |
| Ionic, No. 45 .....      | Jan.  | 20, 1913 |
| Brooks, U.D. ....        | Feb.  | 10, 1913 |
| Edson, U.D. ....         | March | 12, 1913 |
| Corinthian, No. 22 ..... | April | 15, 1913 |
| Kenilworth, No. 29 ..... | May   | 17, 1913 |

## GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of New Hampshire, the M.W. Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. Bard. B. Plummer, Jr. of Union, N.H. our Grand representative near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, vice R.W. Bro. A. W. Sides, deceased.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of Cuba, the M.W. Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Miguel Zaldivar of Havana, Cuba, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Cuba, vice W. Bro. Breton, retired.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY GRAND MASTER

## ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb.                      M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin.  
M.W. Bro. O. W. Kealy.

## ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald.                      M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite.  
R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher.

## ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor.                      R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.  
R.W. Bro. E. D. H. Wilkins.

## ON FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson.                      R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson.  
R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

## AUDITORS

R.W. Bro. S.J. Blair.

R.W. Bro. T. F. English.

## LODGE RETURNS

I have still again to call attention to the negligence of some Masters and Secretaries in matter of their neglect to see that semi-annual returns are promptly attended to. Even as late as the month of April the returns for December 27th, 1912, of following Lodges had not been received notwithstanding several reminders:—

Alberta, No. 3, Macleod; Innisfail, No. 8, Innisfail; Bowden, No. 42, Bowden; Buffalo Park, No. 44, Wainwright; Robert Burns, No. 49, Carmangay; Langdon, No. 52, Langdon, and Acme, No. 60, Acme.

## MEMBERSHIP

## INCREASE

|                                 |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Membership, December 27th, 1912 |       | 4,498 |
| Initiated .....                 | 560   |       |
| Passed .....                    | 549   |       |
| Raised .....                    | 522   |       |
| Joined .....                    | 310   |       |
| Restored .....                  | 14    |       |
| Total Increase .....            | <hr/> | 884   |
|                                 |       | <hr/> |
|                                 |       | 5,382 |

## DECREASE

|                                            |       |       |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Dimitted .....                             | 141   |       |
| Suspended, N.P.D. ....                     | 52    |       |
| Suspended, U.M.C. ....                     | 1     |       |
| Died .....                                 | 22    |       |
| Total Decrease .....                       | <hr/> | 216   |
|                                            |       | <hr/> |
| Total Membership, December 27th, 1912..... |       | 5,166 |
| Net Increase for the year 1912.....        |       | 668   |

Fraternally submitted,

G. Macdonald,  
Grand Secretary.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

## The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Moneys received between February 1st, 1912 and January 31st, 1913.

| No.                | Name of Lodge      | Amount     | No. | Name of Lodge         | Amount     |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|-----------------------|------------|
| 1.                 | Bow River .....    | \$ 394 15  |     | Brought forward..     | \$3,780 43 |
| 2.                 | Medicine Hat ..... | 168 00     | 40. | Joppa .....           | 41 55      |
| 3.                 | Alberta .....      | 79 05      | 41. | King Solomon .....    | 22 05      |
| 4.                 | North Star .....   | 183 00     | 42. | Bowden .....          | 67 50      |
| 5.                 | Cascade .....      | 42 35      | 43. | Tu-can .....          | 36 15      |
| 6.                 | Spitzie .....      | 66 80      | 44. | Buffalo Park .....    | 77 75      |
| 7.                 | Edmonton .....     | 235 85     | 45. | Ionic .....           | 77 40      |
| 8.                 | Innisfail .....    | 67 40      | 46. | Palestine .....       | 32 00      |
| 9.                 | Perfection .....   | 191 00     | 47. | Chinook .....         | 22 10      |
| 10.                | Eureka .....       | 95 35      | 48. | Crossfield .....      | 121 00     |
| 11.                | Acacia .....       | 202 00     | 49. | Robert Burns .....    | 56 15      |
| 12.                | Red Deer .....     | 108 30     | 50. | Comet .....           | 13 35      |
| 13.                | Victoria .....     | 23 50      | 51. | Unity .....           | 311 70     |
| 14.                | Jasper .....       | 147 24     | 52. | Langdon .....         | 71 75      |
| 15.                | Wetaskiwin .....   | 86 35      | 53. | Strathmore .....      | 43 25      |
| 16.                | Mountain View ...  | 45 05      | 54. | Mt. Lebanon .....     | 235 15     |
| 17.                | Nanton .....       | 82 25      | 56. | Beaver .....          | 97 50      |
| 18.                | Britannia .....    | 56 65      | 57. | Grassy Lake .....     | 77 40      |
| 19.                | Cornerstone .....  | 128 20     | 58. | Chief Mountain....    | 9 35       |
| 20.                | Carstairs .....    | 39 65      | 59. | King George .....     | 36 00      |
| 21.                | King Hiram .....   | 65 00      | 60. | Acme .....            | 72 50      |
| 22.                | Corinthian .....   | 83 75      | 62. | Coal .....            | 79 40      |
| 23.                | Calgary .....      | 220 95     | 63. | Empire .....          | 149 35     |
| 24.                | Vermilion .....    | 69 25      | 64. | Bow Island .....      | 71 85      |
| 25.                | St. John .....     | 55 25      | 65. | Diamond City .....    | 62 95      |
| 26.                | Sentinel .....     | 35 00      | 66. | St. Andrew .....      | 94 70      |
| 27.                | Apollo .....       | 120 75     |     | Charity .....         | 101 15     |
| 28.                | Ashlar .....       | 72 50      |     | Connaught .....       | 25 00      |
| 29.                | Kenilworth .....   | 77 80      |     | Quarry .....          | 25 00      |
| 30.                | Summit .....       | 12 90      |     | Tawatinaw .....       | 25 00      |
| 31.                | Doric .....        | 47 19      |     | Coronation .....      | 25 00      |
| 32.                | Cairo .....        | 80 25      |     | Brooks .....          | 41 00      |
| 33.                | Stavely .....      | 48 30      |     | Vulcan .....          | 25 00      |
| 34.                | Star of West ..... | 42 30      |     | Harmony .....         | 25 00      |
| 35.                | Mizpah .....       | 77 90      |     | Fidelity .....        | 25 00      |
| 36.                | Gleichen .....     | 69 80      |     | Sundry Accounts ..... | 66 85      |
| 37.                | Camrose .....      | 49 65      |     | District No. 2 .....  | 58 75      |
| 38.                | Hope .....         | 14 55      |     | District No. 9 .....  | 58 55      |
| 39.                | Lethbridge .....   | 95 20      |     | A.M.H. & S. ....      | 706 94     |
| Carried forward... |                    | \$3,780 43 |     |                       | \$6,968 52 |

## Donations and receipts , Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Lacombe R.A.M. ....             | \$ 5 50   |
| Alberta Lodge No. 3 .....       | 25 00     |
| North Star Lodge No. 4 .....    | 90 75     |
| Chinook Lodge No. 47 .....      | 6 00      |
| Empire Lodge, U.D. ....         | 15 30     |
| Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 .....   | 50 00     |
| Britannia Lodge No. 18 .....    | 25 00     |
| Calgary Lodge No. 23 .....      | 50 00     |
| Mt. Horeb Chapter, R.A.M. ....  | 25 00     |
| Interest, Pyne Mortgage .....   | 128 00    |
| Interest, J. T. Macdonald ..... | 240 00    |
| Interest, Savings Bank .....    | 46 39     |
|                                 | <hr/>     |
|                                 | \$ 706 94 |

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:

S. J. BLAIR,  
T. F. ENGLISH,

Auditors.

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## CASH STATEMENT

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from February 1st, 1912 to January 31st, 1913 and paid over to the Grand Treasurer:—

1912-13. Dr.  
Jan. 31, 1913—To receipts.....\$6,968.52

1912. Cr.  
March 11—By Grand Treasurer, General Fund...\$ 968 34  
April 17—“ “ “ ... 464 49  
May 18—“ “ “ ... 677 15  
June 15—“ “ “ ... 82 40  
Sep. 9—“ “ “ ... 993 60  
Sept. 10—“ “ “ ... 896 55  
Nov. 22—“ “ “ ... 506 45  
  
1913  
Jan. 20—“ “ “ ... 637 15  
Jan. 31—“ “ “ ... 985 45  
  
1912  
April 17—By Grand Treas., Home & School Fund 121 25  
June 15—“ “ “ 85 30  
Dec 15—“ “ “ 120 00  
  
1913  
April 17—“ “ “ 214 00  
Jan. 20—“ “ “ 25 00  
Jan. 20—“ “ “ 120 00  
Jan. 20—By Interest “ 20 77  
Jan. 20—“ “ “ 25 62

\$6,943 52

Balance Cash in hand ..... 25 00

—————\$6,968 52

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## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

| No. Order             | In Whose Favor Drawn                                                        | Amount      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 143—                  | Mrs. Harriett Ellis, Loan by Com. on Benvolence                             | 50 00       |
| 144—                  | Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia District No. 7....                            | 57 40       |
| 145—                  | E. W. Rugg Co., Draft Copies New Constitution....                           | 40 00       |
| 146—                  | Grand Lodge Canada, Books.....                                              | 30 00       |
| 147—                  | Grand Lodge Manitoba, Books.....                                            | 9 60        |
| 148—                  | Linton Bros., Office Supplies .....                                         | 10 20       |
| 149—                  | J. D. McAra Co., Printing Account .....                                     | 23 10       |
| 150—                  | Grand Secretary, Rent, \$300; Salary and Expense<br>Account, \$140 25 ..... | 440 25      |
| 151—                  | Linton Bros., Sundry Office Items .....                                     | 8 45        |
| 152—                  | Pantagraph Printing Co., Lists of Regular Lodges                            | 34 18       |
| 153—                  | Dominion Regalia Co., P.G.M. Collar, Jewel and<br>Engraving .....           | 30 87       |
| 154—                  | J. D. McAra Co., Stock Printing .....                                       | 31 50       |
| 155—                  | J. H. Dickinson, Rubber Stamp .....                                         | 60          |
| 156—                  | J. E. Bull, Insurance Premium, Policy 602527 ....                           | 19 60       |
| 157—                  | Grand Secretary, Expense and Salary Account...                              | 413 90      |
| 158—                  | Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia District No. 2....                            | 57 35       |
| 159—                  | Linton Bros., Sundries .....                                                | 5 10        |
| 160—                  | J. D. McAra Co., Printing Financial Statement ..                            | 14 75       |
| 161—                  | Calgary Bookbinding Co., Ruling and Ptg. Forms                              | 3 75        |
| 162—                  | J. H. Dickinson, Rubber Stamp .....                                         | 1 50        |
| 163—                  | R. H. Finch, Grand Tyler's Expense .....                                    | 19 75       |
| 164—                  | Grand Secretary, Expense Account, Postage, Ex-<br>press, Salary .....       | 270 30      |
| 165—                  | Children's Shelter, Edmonton, Donation .....                                | 100 00      |
| 166—                  | R. Harrison, Engrossing Charters .....                                      | 18 00       |
| 167—                  | Linton Bros., Typewriter Supplies .....                                     | 3 15        |
| 168—                  | Grand Secretary, Exchange, Postage, Express,<br>Salary .....                | 168 60      |
| 169—                  | Grand Lodge Canada, Books .....                                             | 50 00       |
| 170—                  | J.D. McAra Co., Printing List G.L. Officers .....                           | 12 50       |
| 171—                  | Grand Master, Expense Account .....                                         | 128 57      |
| 172—                  | Pacific Cartage Co., Freight and Cartage .....                              | 7 73        |
| 173—                  | Grand Secretary, Postage and Salary Account....                             | 156 00      |
| 174—                  | The Reid Press, Printing York Manual .....                                  | 1,192 90    |
| 175—                  | E. R. Mosher, Typewriting Manuscript .....                                  | 100 00      |
| 176—                  | W. M. Connacher, Expense Account Manual ....                                | 7 10        |
| 177—                  | E. W. Rugg Co., Printing Constitutions .....                                | 1,092 90    |
| 178—                  | City Cartage Co., Freight and Cartage .....                                 | 18 60       |
| 179—                  | Bookbinding Co., Account Mailing Tubes .....                                | 6 00        |
| 180—                  | Grand Secretary, Salary and Office Expenses ....                            | 159 00      |
| 181—                  | J. D. McAra Co., Stock Printing .....                                       | 31 00       |
| Carried forward ..... |                                                                             | \$ 4,824.20 |

|                                                                  |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Brought forward .....                                            | \$ 4,824.20 |
| 182—Grand Secretary, Exchange, Express, Postage and Salary ..... | 173 70      |
| 183—Pacific Cartage Co., Freight and Cartage .....               | 3 70        |
| 184—Linton Bros., Sundries .....                                 | 2 70        |
| 185—J. H. Dickinson, Stamp .....                                 | 40          |
| 187—Grand Secretary, Office Expenses and Salary ....             | 175 35      |
| 188—Star Printing Works, Stock Printing .....                    | 80 00       |
| 189—City Cartage Co., Freight and Cartage .....                  | 3 39        |
| 190—T. W. Taylor Co., Lodge Books .....                          | 62 00       |
| 191—J. D. McÄra Co., G.M. Stationery .....                       | 7 00        |
| 192—Grand Secretary, Salary, Freight, Cartage .....              | 152 10      |
| 193—E. W. Rugg Co., Printing Proceedings .....                   | 674 00      |
| 194—Star Printing Works, Sundry Stock Printing .....             | 41 00       |
| 195—Grand Secretary, Expenses and Salary .....                   | 172 55      |
| Britannia Lodge, Cheque Returned .....                           | 26 65       |
| Apollo Lodge, Cheque Returned .....                              | 20 50       |
| Total Cash Disbursements .....                                   | \$ 6,419 24 |

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct: •

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T. F. ENGLISH,

Auditors.

## LEDGER ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING

January 31st, 1913.

|                        |           |                         |            |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
|                        |           | Brought forward..       | \$ 963.50  |
| Sundry Accounts ....   | 21 50     | Victoria, No. 13 .....  | 24 65      |
| District No. 7 .....   | 58 55     | Jasper, No. 14 .....    | 78 65      |
| Bow River, No. 1 ....  | 11 80     | Wetaskiwin, No. 15 ..   | 4 40       |
| Medicine Hat, No. 2 .  | 144 35    | Mountain View, No. 16   | 75 90      |
| Alberta, No. 3 .....   | 9 95      | Nanton, No. 17 .....    | 1 75       |
| North Star, No. 4 .... | 140 85    | Britannia, No. 18 ....  | 50 20      |
| Cascade, No. 5 .....   | 111 20    | Carstairs, No. 20 ....  | 41 40      |
| Spitzie, No. 6 .....   | 40 70     | King Hiram, No. 21 ..   | 11 10      |
| Edmonton, No. 7 ....   | 116 55    | Corinthian, No. 22 .... | 53 05      |
| Innisfail, No. 8 ..... | 21 00     | Calgary, No. 23 .....   | 61 25      |
| Perfection, No. 9 .... | 170 55    | Vermilion, No. 24 ....  | 4 45       |
| Eureka, No. 10 .....   | 27 40     | St. John, No. 25 .....  | 67 40      |
| Acacia, No. 11 .....   | 7 60      | Sentinel, No. 26 .....  | 98 18      |
| Red Deer, No. 12 ...   | 81 50     | Apollo, No. 27 .....    | 62 50      |
| Carried forward ..     | \$ 963 50 | Carried Forward....     | \$1,598 38 |

|                        |            |                        |                   |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Brought forward..      | \$1,598 38 | Brought forward..      | \$3,118 55        |
| Ashlar, No. 28 .....   | 84 85      | Beaver, No. 56 .....   | 37 45             |
| Kenilworth, No. 29 ... | 26 70      | Grassy Lake, No. 57..  | 44 15             |
| Summit, No. 30 .....   | 59 30      | Chief Mountain, No. 58 | 117 05            |
| Doric, No. 31 .....    | 34 10      | King George, No. 59 .. | 213 10            |
| Cairo, No. 32 .....    | 29 95      | Acme, No. 60 .....     | 54 05             |
| Stavely, No. 33 .....  | 45 20      | Provost, No. 61 .....  | 142 80            |
| Mizpah, No. 35 .....   | 92 75      | Coal, No. 62 .....     | 48 10             |
| Gleichen, No. 36 ..... | 25 20      | Empire, No. 63 .....   | 73 00             |
| Camrose, No. 37 .....  | 60 10      | Bow Island, No. 64 ..  | 67 00             |
| Hope, No. 38 .....     | 12 45      | Diamond City, No. 65   | 58 35             |
| Lethbridge, No. 39 ..  | 64 70      | St. Andrew, No. 66 ..  | 41 30             |
| Joppa, No. 40 .....    | 12 70      | Edson, U.D. ....       | 90 90             |
| King Solomon, No. 41.  | 30 50      | Connaught, U.D. ....   | 44 00             |
| Bowden, No. 42 .....   | 30 32      | Quarry, U.D. ....      | 57 50             |
| Tuscan, No. 43 .....   | 27 95      | Tawatinaw, U.D. ....   | 57 90             |
| Buffalo Park, No. 44.. | 4 05       | Coronation, U.D. ....  | 59 90             |
| Ionic, No. 45 .....    | 43 45      | Brooks, U.D. ....      | 25 75             |
| Palestine, No. 46 .... | 18 85      | Vulcan, U.D. ....      | 41 75             |
| Chinook, No. 47 .....  | 11 90      | Harmony, U.D. ....     | 41 75             |
| Crossfield, No. 48 ... | 68 35      |                        | <u>\$4,434 35</u> |
| Robert Burns, No. 49.  | 111 95     | Credit balances:       |                   |
| Comet, No. 50 .....    | 60 70      | Sundry Accounts ...    | 14 75             |
| Unity No. 51 .....     | 121 50     | Cornerstone, 19 ....   | 40                |
| Langdon, No. 52 .....  | 67 60      | Star West, 34 .....    | 1 95              |
| Strathmore, No. 53 ... | 90 80      | Charity, U.D. ....     | 20                |
| Mt. Lebanon, No. 54.   | 80 00      | Fidelity, U.D. ....    | 25 00             |
| Bassano, No. 55 .....  | 204 25     |                        |                   |
| Carried forward..      | \$3,118 55 |                        | \$ 42 30          |

A further outstanding is composed of returns of following Lodges not to hand, covering half year ending 27th December, 1912.

Alberta No. 3; Innisfail No. 8; Bowden No. 42; Buffalo Park No. 44; Robert Burns No. 49; Langdon No. 52; Acme No. 60.

G. MACDONALD,  
Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:

S. J. BLAIR,  
T. F. ENGLISH,

Auditors

From February 1st, to April 8th, 1913, of above outstanding accounts the following amounts have been received:—

|                        |        |                         |            |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|------------|
| Medicine Hat, No. 2 .. | 116 50 | Brought forward..       | \$1,083 95 |
| North Star, No. 4 .... | 72 75  | Hope, No. 38 .....      | 12 45      |
| Cascade, No. 5 .....   | 84 75  | Lethbridge, No. 39 ..   | 40 50      |
| Spitzie, No. 6 .....   | 24 75  | King Solomon, No. 41    | 16 65      |
| Edmonton, No. 7 ....   | 107 50 | Tuscan, No. 43 .....    | 14 00      |
| Perfection, No. 9 .... | 158 50 | Palestine, No. 46 ..... | 8 35       |
| Eureka, No. 10 .....   | 23 75  | Chinook, No. 47 .....   | 11 90      |
| Red Deer, No. 12 ....  | 47 00  | Crossfield, No. 48 .... | 7 50       |
| Victoria, No. 13 ..... | 18 50  | Robert Burns, No. 49 .. | 5 00       |
| Jasper, No. 14 .....   | 73 25  | Comet, No. 50 .....     | 15 25      |
| Mountain View, No.16.  | 22 85  | Unity, No. 51 .....     | 117 00     |
| Britannia, No. 18 .... | 4 00   | Mt. Lebanon, No. 54 ..  | 54 50      |
| Carstairs, No. 20 .... | 26 40  | Bassano, No. 55 .....   | 157 75     |
| King Hiram, No. 21 ..  | 11 10  | Beaver, No. 56 .....    | 15 10      |
| Vermilion, No. 24 .... | 4 45   | Chief Mountain, No. 58  | 9 50       |
| St. John, No. 25 ..... | 17 75  | King George, No. 59.    | 213 10     |
| Sentinel, No. 26 ..... | 40 40  | Provost, No. 61 .....   | 36 40      |
| Ashlar, No. 28 .....   | 69 00  | Empire, No. 63 .....    | 58 90      |
| Kenilworth, No. 29 ..  | 17 40  | Bow Island, No. 64 .    | 16 00      |
| Summit, No. 30 .....   | 24 50  | Edson, U.D. ....        | 28 25      |
| Doric, No. 31 .....    | 26 25  | Connaught, U.D. ....    | 3 00       |
| Cairo, No. 32 .....    | 25 50  | Quarry, U.D. ....       | 8 50       |
| Stavely, No. 33 .....  | 18 85  | Brooks, U.D. ....       | 10 00      |
| Mizpah, No. 35 .....   | 29 75  | Harmony, U.D. ....      | 41 75      |
| Gleichen, No. 36 ..... | 18 50  | Vulcan, U.D. ....       | 41 20      |
| Carried forward..      |        |                         | \$2,026 50 |

G. MACDONALD,  
Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:

S. J. BLAIR,  
T. F. ENGLISH,

Auditors.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From February 1st, 1912, to January 31st, 1913.

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Dues .....                            | \$ 2,325 50 |
| Initiations .....                     | 1,164 00    |
| M.M. Certificates .....               | 1,022 00    |
| P.M. Certificates .....               | 42 00       |
| L.M. Certificates .....               | 8 00        |
| L.M. Fees .....                       | 35 00       |
| Charters .....                        | 210 00      |
| Dispensations .....                   | 333 00      |
| Stock .....                           | 1,026 03    |
| Sundry Fines and Exchange .....       | 96 05       |
| Home and School Fund, Donations ..... | 292 55      |
| “ “ Interest .....                    | 46 39       |
| “ “ Interest, Mortgages .....         | 368 00      |
| Total Cash Receipts .....             | \$ 6,968 52 |

## DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURE

February 1st, 1912, to January 31st, 1913.

|                                              |             |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Books and Stationery .....                   | \$ 2,678 08 |
| Expense Account .....                        | 441 24      |
| Insurance .....                              | 19 60       |
| Rent .....                                   | 300 00      |
| Salaries .....                               | 1,800 00    |
| Freight, Express, Cartage, Postage, &c. .... | 102 35      |
| Printing, Sundry .....                       | 782 35      |
| Regalia .....                                | 145 62      |
| Benevolence .....                            | 150 00      |
| Total Expenditure .....                      | \$ 6,419 24 |

## INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, A. M. H. and S.

|                                                         |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Mortgage, R. A. Pyne, bearing interest at 8% .....      | \$ 1,600 00 |
| Mortgage, J. T. Macdonald, bearing interest at 8% ..... | 3,000 00    |
| Total .....                                             | \$ 4,600 00 |

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:

S. J. BLAIR,

T. F. ENGLISH,

Auditors.

## INVENTORY OF STOCK.

January 31st, 1913.

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

|                                   |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Minute Books .....                | 1      | 3 46   |
| Ledgers .....                     | 25     | 89 00  |
| Registers .....                   | 16     | 39 68  |
| Historical Register .....         | 3      | 9 00   |
| Secretary, Cash Book .....        | 7      | 10 50  |
| Black Book .....                  | 3      | 4 20   |
| Treasurer's Cash Book .....       | 25     | 28 00  |
| Financial Record .....            | 10     | 12 20  |
| Cert. Elective Officers .....     | 47     | 47     |
| Cert. Appointed Officers .....    | 60     | 66     |
| Cert. Grand Representatives ..... | 27     | 15     |
| Cert. D.D.G.M. ....               | 44     | 33     |
| Order Grand Treasurer .....       | 2      | 1 00   |
| Disp. New Lodge .....             | 17     | 10     |
| Disp. General .....               | 800    | 2 40   |
| Disp. Regalia .....               | 50     | 40     |
| Agreements .....                  | 400    | 1 00   |
| Return Forms .....                | 2,000  | 12 00  |
| Card Cabinets .....               | 20     | 90 00  |
| Cards .....                       | 15,000 | 112 50 |
| Pet. New Lodge .....              | 70     | 2 80   |
| Dimits .....                      | 1,014  | 20 28  |
| Account Forms .....               | 250    | 1 63   |
| Pet. Initiation .....             | 700    | 3 85   |
| Ref. Initiation .....             | 260    | 1 65   |
| Pet. Affiliation .....            | 2,740  | 15 07  |
| Ref. Affiliation .....            | 560    | 3 08   |
| Rejections .....                  | 780    | 4 29   |
| Susp. N.P.D. ....                 | 150    | 82     |
| Rest, N.P.D. ....                 | 524    | 2 88   |
| Delinquent Dues .....             | 312    | 1 72   |
| Susp. U.M.C. ....                 | 712    | 3 92   |
| Res. U.M.C. ....                  | 712    | 3 92   |
| Cert. Standing .....              | 164    | 3 28   |
| D.D.G.M. Return .....             | 200    | 18 00  |
| Lodge Statement .....             | 1,000  | 8 50   |
| Receipt Blanks .....              | 500    | 2 50   |
| Notice New Lodge .....            | 200    | 1 00   |
| Cert. Installation .....          | 500    | 7 50   |
| Proxy .....                       | 40     | 48     |
| Order on Treasurer .....          | 25     | 10 00  |
| Receipt for Dues .....            | 23     | 9 20   |

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 Carried forward.....\$ 543 42

|                         |       |     |    |        |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|----|--------|
| Brought forward .....   | \$    | 543 | 42 |        |
| Price Lists .....       | 20    |     | 24 |        |
| Envelopes, large .....  | 200   |     | 80 |        |
| Envelopes, small .....  | 500   | 1   | 50 |        |
| Letter Heads .....      | 1,000 | 6   | 00 |        |
| Mailing Tubes .....     | 70    | 2   | 45 |        |
| Gum Slips .....         | 200   |     | 50 |        |
| Seals, blue .....       | 500   | 1   | 75 |        |
| Seals, white .....      | 600   | 1   | 68 |        |
| Lodge Circulars .....   | 5,000 | 30  | 00 |        |
| Visitors' Cards .....   | 1,000 | 2   | 90 |        |
| Visitors' Notices ..... | 1,000 | 2   | 85 |        |
|                         |       |     |    | 504 00 |

## Constitutions, Etc.

|                               |       |         |    |            |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|----|------------|
| Constitutions .....           | 2,992 | \$1,136 | 96 |            |
| Ceremonials .....             | 650   | 429     | 00 |            |
| Combined Const. and Cer. .... | 246   | 400     | 98 |            |
| Manual, York .....            | 278   | 764     | 50 |            |
| Manual, Can. ....             | 47    | 47      | 00 |            |
| Installation Cer. ....        | 10    | 2       | 50 |            |
| Installed Master Cer. ....    | 12    | 3       | 60 |            |
| G.L. Ceremony .....           | 12    | 6       | 00 |            |
| By-laws .....                 | 1,500 | 82      | 50 |            |
|                               |       |         |    | \$2,873 04 |

## Certificates.

|                         |     |    |    |       |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----|-------|
| P.M. Certificates ..... | 270 | 10 | 80 |       |
|                         |     |    |    | 10 80 |
| L.M. Certificates ..... | 60  | 3  | 60 |       |
|                         |     |    |    | 3 60  |
| Charters .....          | 24  | 72 | 00 |       |
|                         |     |    |    | 72 00 |

## Office Furniture.

|                               |     |    |  |        |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|--|--------|
| Furniture .....               | 133 | 55 |  |        |
| Cabinet and Records .....     | 146 | 50 |  |        |
| Plate M.M. Certificates ..... | 220 | 00 |  |        |
| Numbering Machine .....       | 6   | 00 |  |        |
|                               |     |    |  | 506 05 |



|                                                    |           |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Brought forward .....                              | \$ 506 05 |                   |
| Transfer Cases .....                               | 17 70     |                   |
| Typewriter .....                                   | 120 00    |                   |
| Mimeograph .....                                   | 52 50     |                   |
| Seal Press .....                                   | 17 00     |                   |
| Letter Press .....                                 | 7 00      |                   |
| Trunk .....                                        | 21 50     |                   |
| Postage Stamps .....                               | 4 80      |                   |
| Stationery and Sundries .....                      | 32 20     |                   |
| 3 Loose Leaf Binders .....                         | 27 00     |                   |
|                                                    |           | <u>\$805 75</u>   |
| Regalia.                                           |           |                   |
| G.L. Regalia, \$805 52, Less Depreciation 5% ..... | \$765 25  |                   |
|                                                    |           | <u>\$5,124 53</u> |

Certified Correct:

G. MACDONALD,

S. J. BLAIR,  
T. F. ENGLISH,

Grand Secretary.

Auditors.

## LOSS AND GAIN

January 31st, 1913.

|                                        |            |                   |
|----------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Total Cash Receipts .....              | 6,968 52   |                   |
| Less                                   |            |                   |
| Total Cash Disbursements .....         | 6,419 24   |                   |
| Net Gain, Cash .....                   | 549 28     |                   |
|                                        |            | <u>\$3,291 73</u> |
| Cash Balance, January 31st, 1912 ..... |            |                   |
| Net Gain, January 31st, 1913 .....     |            | 549 28            |
|                                        |            | <u>\$3,841.01</u> |
| Total Gain, January 31st, 1913 .....   |            |                   |
| To Credit General Fund .....           | \$1,665 11 |                   |
| To Credit A.M.H. and S. ....           | 2,175 90   |                   |
|                                        |            | <u>3,841 01</u>   |

Certified Correct:

G. MACDONALD,

S. J. BLAIR,  
T. F. ENGLISH,

Grand Secretary.

Auditors.

## BALANCE SHEET

January 31st, 1913.

## Assets.

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Books and Stationery .....              | \$594 09 |
| Constitutions, etc. ....                | 2,873 04 |
| P.M. Certificates .....                 | 10 80    |
| L.M. Certificates .....                 | 3 60     |
| Charters .....                          | 72 00    |
| Office Furniture .....                  | 805 75   |
| Regalia .....                           | 765 25   |
| Ledger Accounts .....                   | 4,434 35 |
| Cash on Hand .....                      | 25 00    |
| Current Account Cash .....              | 1,640 11 |
| Home and School Fund, Saving Bank ..... | 2,175 90 |
| Investment Account, Mortgages .....     | 4,600 00 |

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\$17,999 89

## Liabilities

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Credit Balance Accounts ..... | 42 30 |
|-------------------------------|-------|

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Present Worth, January 31st, 1913 ..... \$17,957 59

Present Worth, January 31st, 1912 ..... 14,175 61

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Gain, 1912-13 ..... \$3,781 98

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Certified Correct:

G. MACDONALD,

S. J. BLAIR,

Grand Secretary.

T. F. ENGLISH,

Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23): "That the report of the Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's report and the financial statement be referred to the Finance Committee."

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REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN.

To the M.W. Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I submit hereunder the report of your Librarian for the past year, during which period the following donations have been added to the Grand Lodge Library:—

## CLOTH BOUND PROCEEDINGS

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Grand Lodge of Arkansas | 1911 |
| " " " Connecticut       | 1912 |
| " " " Colorado          | 1912 |
| " " " Delaware          | 1912 |
| " " " Illinois          | 1912 |
| " " " Kentucky          | 1912 |
| " " " Nebraska          | 1912 |
| " " " North Carolina    | 1912 |
| " " " New York          | 1912 |
| " " " New Zealand       | 1912 |
| " " " Ohio              | 1912 |
| " " " Oklahoma          | 1912 |
| " " " Oregon            | 1912 |
| " " " Tennessee         | 1912 |

Copies of Proceedings of all recognized Grand Lodges. Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York, 33 degree.

The following miscellaneous matter:—

Memorial Volume, Independence Celebration, 1786-1911.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Digest and Decisions, Grand Lodge Pennsylvania

Constitution and By-Laws Grand Lodge South Dakota.

Masonic Code Grand Lodge British Columbia.

Roster, Grand Lodge California, 1912.

Virginia Text Book.

Masonic Code and Digest, Grand Lodge Idaho.

Masonic Year Book, Grand Lodge England, 1913

We extend hearty and grateful thanks to the numerous contributors who have so kindly remembered this Grand Lodge in the distribution of their gifts of valuable and useful information.

Fraternally submitted

G. MACDONALD,  
Grand Librarian

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by V.W. Bro. D Hope (1): "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library."

The M.W. Grand Master announced that the election of officers would be held at 3 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 12.45 o'clock p.m.

## First Day = = Afternoon Session

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### LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor at 2 30 o'clock p.m.

### PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson, G.M., Grand Officers, Members and Grand Representatives.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The representatives of Sister Grand Lodges as reported present were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master and fraternal greetings exchanged.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the M.W. Grand Master and Brethren  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

The Board of General Purposes reports that it met at Edmonton on May 30th, 1912, at which meeting the appointment of members to the several sub-committees was made for the ensuing year.

The Board again met at Banff on May 27th, 1913, when the several matters requiring attention were distributed to the various committees concerned with the same. These several matters will appear in the reports as presented by the sub-committees and which have been adopted by the Board.

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Your Board recommends, that owing to the financial condition of Apollo Lodge No. 27, this Grand Lodge do make a grant of \$50 to Apollo Lodge to relieve their present condition.

Your board further recommends that the Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee to revise the form of application for initiates and to suggest a form of confidential report on applicants.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. BLAIR,

President.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by W. Bro F. S. Selwood (28): "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be considered clause by clause."

After due consideration and adoption of the several clauses it was resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by W. Bro. G. H. Darlow (45): "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted."

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. •

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that no business has arisen which it was necessary for them to deal with.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. HOGBIN, P.G.M.,

J. T. MACDONALD, P.G.M.,

for the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by W. Bro. W. G. Congdon (11): "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be adopted."

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and  
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee take pleasure in reporting that during the year nothing was brought before them, thus showing the unanimity that exists all over the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. Macdonald,  
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7): "That the report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals be received and adopted."

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members  
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry beg to report as follows.

That we have examined the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s for their respective Districts and find that Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction continues to be of the same prosperous nature which characterizes Masonry since the inception of Grand Lodge. The Lodges as a whole, show a good financial standing, maintaining a healthy increase in membership, with excellent prospects for the future. The attendance in the larger Lodges appears to be very small in proportion to their membership. Several D.D.G.M.'s report a number of Lodges under dispensation and in this connection we would draw the attention of the D.D.G.Ms. to the necessity of each Lodge insuring its property, and also that they should make a special effort to visit and instruct the Lodges under Dispensation, and that they should bear in mind that their high office carries with it responsibility for the efficiency of the Masonic work and regularity of the Lodge proceedings in their several Districts, and Lodges under Dispensation in particular should be instructed as to how to open and write up their books, especially the Historical Register.

Your committee has much pleasure in recommending the following R.W. Brothers for the rank of P.D.D.G. Master:—

- R.W. Bro. T. Sharpe, District No. 1.
- R.W. Bro. H. A. Driggs, District No. 2.
- R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson, District No. 3.
- R.W. Bro. R. Hollinger, District No. 4.
- R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm, District No. 5.
- R.W. Bro. G. H. Jaurnick, District No. 6.
- R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates, District No. 7.
- R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison, District No. 8.
- R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell, District No. 9.
- R.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe, District No. 10.

All of which is respectfully submitted

J. KEMMIS,  
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6): "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and  
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.  
M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence are pleased to report that the relations which exist between Sister

Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Alberta are of the most cordial and fraternal nature.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from Bro. Chas. M. Smith, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, near the Grand Lodge of Arizona, and to thank him for the fraternal greetings and good wishes extended through him by the M.W. Grand Master of Arizona. We also note with pleasure that he has been elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master of his Grand Lodge.

A communication was also received from the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica requesting that fraternal recognition be granted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and that some brother be nominated to represent the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica near the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta. This communication was accompanied by a list of Sister Grand Lodges now in official correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica. The list included six Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada. We have pleasure in recommending that fraternal recognition be granted this Grand Lodge.

A similar communication was received from the M.W. Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands. This Grand Lodge was regularly organized and constituted in the City of Manila on December 19th, A.L. 5912. We also recommend that fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

We submit herewith a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and request that the same be printed in the Annual Proceedings as an appendix thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,  
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of motion of R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by V.W. Bro. R. G. Brett (5): "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be adopted."

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#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and  
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.  
Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Finance Committee present the usual statements herewith. Very satisfactory progress has been made during the past year and our financial position is most gratifying.



All payments have been duly authorized by your Committee, and a careful audit of the accounts has been made.

We recommend that the sum of \$500 be transferred to the Masonic Home and School Fund, when the cash balance on hand permits such a withdrawal.

We recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased to \$2,000 per annum, payable as heretofore.

We also recommend the usual grant of \$300 for office rent.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9): "That the report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted."

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and  
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report that we had only one application for charity during the past year—which is a matter for congratulation.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. MACDONALD,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7): "That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND.

Banff, May 29th, 1913.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and  
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

We beg to acknowledge the following donations and payments  
to the Masonic Home and School Fund:—

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Lacombe R.A.M. ....                      | \$ 5.50  |
| Alberta Lodge No. 3 .....                | 25.00    |
| North Star Lodge No. 4 .....             | 90.75    |
| Chinook Lodge No. 47 .....               | 6.00     |
| Empire Lodge U.D. ....                   | 15.30    |
| Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 .....            | 50.00    |
| Britannia Lodge No. 18 .....             | 25.00    |
| Calgary Lodge No. 23 .....               | 50.00    |
| Mt. Horeb Chapter R.A.M. ....            | 25.00    |
| Interest Pyne Mortgage .....             | 128.00   |
| Interest, J. T. Macdonald Mortgage ..... | 240.00   |
| Interest, Savings Bank .....             | 46.39    |
|                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                          | \$706 94 |
|                                          | <hr/>    |

We hope that the future may see more practical interest taken  
in this fund by the Lodges and their members.

This is a very worthy cause and should be brought to the  
attention of the Lodges by all the Grand Officers and Worshipful  
Masters.

We recommend that \$500 be transferred from the general account  
to this fund.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. MACDONALD,  
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bros. J. T. Macdonald (9), second-  
ed by M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7): "That the Report of the  
Committee on Masonic Home and School Fund be received and  
adopted."

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

Banff, May 28, 1913.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

We herewith respectfully submit for your serious contemplation the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

The Grim Reaper has once again gathered his harvest, and among the list of his victims we find the names of many illustrious Masons.

Seventeen Grand Lodges in the United States of America mourn the loss of beloved and distinguished brethren, among whom are R.W. Bro. Sam H. Davidson, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas; three Grand Secretaries in the persons of R. W. Bro. H. Bannister Grant of Kentucky, R.W. Bro. Christopher Hiehl of South Dakota and R.W. Bro. G. W. Carrington of Virginia and the Grand Treasurer of Oregon, R.W. Bro. William A. Cleland, all active in the discharge of their duties up to the time of death. Several Past Grand Masters have also been gathered to their fathers, most of them having passed the allotted span of life, honored among their brethren. We deeply sympathize with our Sister Jurisdictions in their afflictions, yet we feel they have many reasons to rejoice in the pleasant memories they must have of their departed brethren.

In our own Grand Lodge, fourteen of the Lodges miss "The touch of a vanished hand and the Sound of the Voice that is still," and our hearts go out to them in their great loss. We also extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathies and we stretch out to them the helping hand of kind friends. To the widows and fatherless may the consolation of the "Giver of all" be offered and may we with them be buoyed up and encouraged by the hope that

"Death's but the path that must be trod  
If man would ever pass to God."

We, brethren all, rejoice that Masonry teaches us how to live and how to die, and that Death but links us to the Past and the Future.

"They're passing away, these dear old friends  
Like a leaf on the current cast;  
With never a break in the rapid flow,  
We watch them as one by one they go,  
Into the beautiful past."

We respectfully recommend that memorial pages be dedicated to our departed brethren and to those of Sister Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. JACKSON,  
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6): "That the report of the committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted."

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

Banff, May 28th, 1913

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and  
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to report as follows:—

We have examined the books of Lodges under dispensation and recommend that charters be granted to the following Lodges:

Tawatinaw located at Athabasca Landing, 3rd Masonic District.  
Charity located at Lethbridge, 2nd Masonic District.  
Harmony located at Sedgewick, 5th Masonic District.  
Connaught located at Viking, 10th Masonic District.  
Brooks located at Brooks, 7th Masonic District.  
Edson located at Edson, 3rd Masonic District.  
Quarry located at Redcliff, 7th Masonic District.  
Vulcan located at Vulcan, 2nd Masonic District.  
Coronation located at Coronation, 9th Masonic District.

Your Committee would also recommend that the dispensations of the following Lodges be continued for another year:—

Champion located at Champion, 2nd Masonic District.  
Fidelity located at Bashaw, 9th Masonic District.  
Strathcona located at Edmonton South, 3rd Masonic District.  
Hanna located at Hanna, 5th Masonic District.

Your Committee would further recommend that Secretaries of Lodges, in writing up their minutes, follow more closely the form laid down for their guidance in the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. ENGLISH,

Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), seconded by W. Bro. H. L. McLinnis (14): "That the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted.

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and  
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they find the votes as follows:—

187 present; 44 Lodges represented and 22 not represented.

The following Lodges do not show on their returns the names of their past masters, Nos. 18, 21 and 24, hence we are unable to say whether these Lodges have past masters here now.

The bearer of Proxies from Lodges Nos. 21 and 25 have failed to register, hence we decline to authorize the votes.

In the case of Unity Lodge No. 51 your committee would recommend that the vote be given to W. Bro. Folinsbee, although the Secretary of that Lodge has failed to send in the usual Certificate of Election.

Detailed statement of votes appears as under:—

| No. | Name of Lodge.     | W.M.  | S.W.  | J.W.  | P.M.  | Proxy. | Total<br>Vote |
|-----|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|
| 1   | Bow River .....    | 3     | ..... | ..... | 8     | .....  | 11            |
| 2   | Medicine Hat ....  | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2     | 3      | 5             |
| 3   | Alberta .....      | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3     | 3      | 6             |
| 4   | North Star .....   | 1     | 1     | 1     | 2     | .....  | 5             |
| 5   | Cascade .....      | 2     | 1     | ..... | 2     | .....  | 5             |
| 6   | Spitzie .....      | 3     | ..... | ..... | 3     | .....  | 6             |
| 7   | Edmonton .....     | ..... | 3     | ..... | 3     | .....  | 6             |
| 8   | Innisfail .....    | ..... | 3     | ..... | 2     | .....  | 5             |
| 9   | Perfection .....   | 3     | ..... | ..... | 3     | .....  | 6             |
| 10  | Eureka .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1     | 3      | 4             |
| 11  | Acacia .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1     | 3      | 4             |
| 12  | Red Deer .....     | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2     | 3      | 5             |
| 13  | Victoria .....     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 14  | Jasper .....       | 3     | ..... | ..... | 2     | .....  | 5             |
| 15  | Wetaskiwin .....   | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 16  | Mountain View .... | ..... | 3     | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 17  | Nanton .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 18  | Britannia .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2     | 3      | 5             |
| 19  | Cornerstone .....  | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 20  | Carstairs .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2     | .....  | 2             |
| 21  | King Hiram .....   | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 22  | Corinthian .....   | 3     | ..... | ..... | 1     | .....  | 4             |
| 23  | Calgary .....      | 2     | 1     | ..... | 3     | .....  | 6             |
| 24  | Vermilion .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 25  | St. John .....     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 26  | Sentinel .....     | ..... | ..... | 3     | 1     | .....  | 4             |
| 27  | Apollo .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 28  | Ashlar .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4     | 3      | 7             |
| 29  | Kenilworth .....   | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 30  | Summit .....       | 3     | ..... | ..... | 2     | .....  | 5             |
| 31  | Doric .....        | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 32  | Cairo .....        | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 33  | Stavely .....      | 1     | 1     | 1     | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 34  | Star of West ..... | 2     | ..... | 1     | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 35  | Mizpah .....       | 2     | ..... | 1     | 2     | .....  | 5             |
| 36  | Gleichen .....     | 3     | ..... | ..... | 1     | .....  | 4             |
| 37  | Camrose .....      | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1     | .....  | 1             |
| 38  | Hope .....         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 39  | Lethbridge .....   | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 40  | Joppa .....        | ..... | 3     | ..... | 1     | .....  | 4             |
| 41  | King Solomon ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 42  | Bowden .....       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 43  | Tuscan .....       | ..... | 3     | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 44  | Buffalo Park ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 45  | Ionic .....        | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2     | 3      | 5             |

| No. | Name of Lodge.       | W M.  | S.W.  | J W   | P.M.  | Proxy. | Total<br>Vote |
|-----|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|
| 46  | Palestine .....      | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 47  | Chinook .....        | ..... | 3     | ..... | 1     | .....  | 4             |
| 48  | Crossfield .....     | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 49  | Robert Burns .....   | ..... | 3     | ..... | 2     | .....  | 5             |
| 50  | Comet .....          | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 51  | Unity .....          | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 52  | Langdon .....        | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 53  | Strathmore .....     | ..... | 2     | 1     | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 54  | Mt. Lebanon .....    | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 55  | Bassano .....        | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 56  | Beaver .....         | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 57  | Grassy Lake .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 58  | Chief Mountain ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 59  | King George .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 60  | Acme .....           | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 61  | Provost .....        | 3     | ..... | ..... | 1     | .....  | 4             |
| 62  | Coal .....           | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | .....         |
| 63  | Empire .....         | 3     | ..... | ..... | 1     | .....  | 4             |
| 64  | Bow Island .....     | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 65  | Diamond City .....   | ..... | ..... | 3     | ..... | .....  | 3             |
| 66  | St Andrew .....      | 3     | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  | 3             |
|     |                      |       |       |       |       |        | 187           |

Fraternally submitted,

D. L. MURISON,  
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (9): "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be adopted."

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and  
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee appointed to consider and report on the address of the M.W. Grand Master beg to report as follows:—

We note with pleasure the following facts as brought out in the address;

That peace and harmony have so completely prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the past year.

That the recommendation of last year's committee, pointing to a better consideration and knowledge of the Constitution by the Masters and Officers of subordinate Lodges, has had such good effect as is evidenced by the few decisions asked for

That the number of District Lodges of Instruction were increased during the year.

And generally that the position of Grand Lodge appears in every way to be so eminently satisfactory.

We recognize the difficulties under which the M.W. Grand Master attempted to visit all the Lodges of the Jurisdiction and congratulate him on what he was able to accomplish under the circumstances.

In conclusion we wish to emphasize the M.W. Grand Master's remarks relative to the Masonic Home and School Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. HOGBIN, P.G.M.,  
T. McNabb, P.G.M.,

for the Committee

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4): "That the report of the Committee on Grand Master's address be received and adopted."

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Banff, May 28th, 1913.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and  
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A F. & A M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Library again desire to express their appreciation of the valuable Masonic Works so kindly donated by Sister Jurisdictions throughout the world, and trust that the brethren of Alberta will take advantage of these authentic sources of information to extend their knowledge of Freemasonry.



These books are available to every member of the Craft, who may have the use of the same for a limited time upon application to the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,  
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6): "That the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library be adopted."

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.

Banff, May 29th, 1913.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and  
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most, Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's report are pleased to note the continued prosperity that is apparent in our ranks.

The increase in the number of Master Masons Certificates issued over last year is gratifying, as is the large increase in dispensations issued for new Lodges.

We regret so many Lodges still fail to send the returns required by the Constitution, within the specified time. As this work entails but little time on the part of each individual Secretary, we would strongly urge that they be prompt in the matter of returns, also in the answering of correspondence, thus greatly assisting the work in the Grand Secretary's office.

We recommend that 1,200 copies of this year's Annual Report be printed.

After thoroughly going over the report and work of the Grand Secretary, we congratulate this Grand Lodge on having such an efficient officer, his records and work being absolutely perfect.

Owing to the fact that the work of the office is very materially increased, we would recommend that his salary be increased to \$2,000 per annum.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. MACDONALD,  
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod (1): "That the report of the Committee on Grand Secretary's report be received and adopted."

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### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

Banff, Alta, May 27th, 1913.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and  
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. A. F. & A.M.:—  
Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

We beg to report that we have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the past year and after carefully checking the entries therein with the proper vouchers, we find them correct.

We wish also to express the pleasure it affords us to find this portion of the work of this Grand Lodge in the hands of such capable and painstaking officials.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. BLAIR,  
T. F. ENGLISH,  
Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23): "That the report of the Auditors be adopted as read."

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### MOTIONS

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. H. Darling (7), seconded by W. Bro. H. L. McInnis (14): "That the sympathy of this Grand Lodge be extended to M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop in his illness and

that the Grand Secretary convey this expression to M.W. Bro. Dunlop."

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14): "That this Grand Lodge donate the sum of \$150 to the Calgary Convalescent Home."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod (1), seconded by V.W. Bro. R. G. Brett (5): "That this Grand Lodge regrets the absence of R.W. Bro. E. Nelson Brown, one of the fathers of Masonry in the West."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9): "That this Grand Lodge instruct the Grand Secretary to forward a resolution of sympathy and condolence to R.W. Bro. J. I. Brewster on his recent great loss in the death of his wife."

R.W. Bro. J. J. Binns (55) moved, seconded by W. Bro. McEwan (35): "That this Grand Lodge adopt a Universal Card Certificate, the color of which would be changed yearly, to be issued by Secretary of Lodges on payment of dues for the current year. These cards to be furnished by Grand Lodge.,, Motion lost.

### NOTICES OF MOTION

By R.W. Bro. M.M. Downey, "That Sec. 202 be amended by inserting after the word 'conferring' in the fourth line, the words 'the secret work and the obligations of the'."

By M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1): "That the M.W. Grand Master appoint a committee of five to look over the Constitution and suggest slight needed amendments for submission to next Annual Communication."

The M.W. Grand Master nominated the following to comprise committee for above purpose, viz:—

M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin, R.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe, R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, R.W. Bro. T. Sharpe, R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates.

By M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin, "That Secs. 67 to 70 inclusive be so amended as to provide, that the Board of General Purposes shall meet at the call of the Grand Master, to deal as a whole with all matters relating to Grand Lodge between meetings of Grand Lodge, and that the committees formerly appointed from the Board shall be composed of seven members present at Grand Lodge, and appointed by the Grand Master, to which the matters brought before Grand Lodge shall be referred, which committees shall meet between sessions of Grand Lodge, and shall then report to Grand Lodge in due form."

## PLACE OF MEETING.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe (24): "That Grand Lodge hold its next Annual Communication at Banff."

## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as scrutineers, M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), and M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), when the election proceeded with the following results:—

R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Deputy Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Senior Grand Warden.  
W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Junior Grand Warden.  
R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), re-elected, Grand Treasurer.  
M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), re-elected, Grand Secretary.  
V.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (23), Grand Registrar.  
R.W. Bro. Canon Stocken (36), Grand Chaplain.

and by open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. R. H. Finch (9), re-elected Grand Tyler.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the representatives and Past Masters of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:—

W. Bro. J. M. Empey (1), First Masonic District.  
V.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35), Second Masonic District.  
V.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon (11), Third Masonic District.  
W. Bro. Wm. Dickson (20), Fourth Masonic District.  
W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), Fifth Masonic District.  
W. Bro. D. J. McDiarmid (40), Sixth Masonic District.  
W. Bro. Thos. Crawford (53), Seventh Masonic District.  
W. Bro. H. A. Gunn (47), Eighth Masonic District.  
W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Ninth Masonic District.  
V.W. Bro. N. S. Kenny (44), Tenth Masonic District.

## CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 6.30 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock a.m. Thursday.

## Second Day       =       =       Morning Session

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### LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor on Thursday, May 29th, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

### PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson, Grand Master, Grand Officers and Grand Representatives.

### BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following Brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:—

W. Bro. H. Darling (7), Edmonton.  
R.W. Bro. Dr. C. E. Smyth (2), Medicine Hat.  
R.W. Bro. T. Sharpe (23), Calgary.  
R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson (12), Red Deer.

These replacing the following brethren whose term of office has expired—

R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Cowley.  
R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Calgary.  
W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Edmonton.  
V.W. Bro. J. I. Brewster (5), Banff.

Also the following brother was elected for the term of one year to complete term of W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, elected Junior Grand Warden:—

R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Calgary.

## APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:—

W. Bro. J. Wilson (61), Senior Grand Deacon.  
W. Bro. H. W. Ireland (2), Junior Grand Deacon.  
W. Bro. G. H. Darlow (45), Grand Organist.  
W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
W. Bro. J. L. Lambert (3), Grand Steward.  
W. Bro. W. Scott (65), Grand Steward.  
W. Bro. R. E. Struthers (55), Grand Steward.  
W. Bro. W. J. Seed (24), Grand Steward.  
W. Bro. E. H. Cope (63), Grand Steward.  
W. Bro. C. E. Macdonald (7), Grand Steward.  
W. Bro. W. G. Collins (1), Grand Pursuivant.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

Telegram read from W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35) regretting absence owing to illness.

Invitation from J. W. Waddy, Indian Agent at Morley Agency, extending invitation to attend Annual Sports of Stoney Indians at Morley on Friday the 30th instant.

The Grand Secretary was ordered to acknowledge and file these communications.

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. THOS. McNABB,  
PAST GRAND MASTER.

On behalf of Grand Lodge the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson presented the Immediate Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb, with a past Grand Master's collar and jewel.

On behalf of Masonic District No. 9 the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson presented the retiring D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell with a set of Past D.D.G.M. regalia.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by V.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28): "That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to V.W. Bro. James I Brewster and the

officers and brethren of Cascade Lodge No. 5 for the generous entertainment given to the members of Grand Lodge and their ladies.

#### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The newly elected officers present were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson, and the appointed Grand Officers invested.

#### GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Eighth Annual Communication was closed in AMPLE FORM at 2 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



*G. Macdonald*

Grand Secretary.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1913.

|                                                     |                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Calgary .....            | Grand Master                 |
| R.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), Ponoka..        | Dep. Grand Master            |
| R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary .....          | Senior Grand Warden          |
| R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Edmonton .....         | Junior Grand Warden          |
| R.W. Bro. J. M. Empey (1), Calgary .....            | D.D.G.M. No. 1 District      |
| R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35), Medicine Hat ..... | D.D.G.M. No. 2 District      |
| R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon (11), Edmonton South .....  | D.D.G.M. No. 3 District      |
| R.W. Bro. Wm. Dickson (20), Carstairs ..            | D.D.G.M. No. 4 District      |
| R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (57), Grassy Lake            | D.D.G.M. No. 5 District      |
| R.W. Bro. D. J. McDiarmid (40), Granum.             | D.D.G.M. No. 6 District      |
| R.W. Bro. Thos. Crawford (53), Strathmore .....     | D.D.G.M. No. 7 District      |
| R.W. Bro. H. A. Gunn (47), Cowley.....              | D.D.G.M. No. 8 District      |
| R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (20), Red Deer ..         | D.D.G.M. No. 9 District      |
| R.W. Bro. N. S. Kenny (44), Wainwright              | D.D.G.M. No. 10 District     |
| R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), Calgary .....      | Grand Treasurer              |
| M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary .....       | Grand Secretary              |
| R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (23), Calgary .....          | Grand Registrar              |
| R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Stocken (36), Gleichen....     | Grand Chaplain               |
| V.W. Bro. J. Wilson (61), Provost .....             | Senior Grand Deacon          |
| V.W. Bro. H. W. Ireland (2), Medicine Hat..         | Junior Grand Deacon          |
| V.W. Bro. G. H. Darlow (45), Alix .....             | Grand Organist               |
| V.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Calgary .....         | Grand Director of Ceremonies |
| V.W. Bro. J. L. Lambert (3), Macleod.....           | Grand Steward                |
| V.W. Bro. W. Scott (65), Diamond City.....          | Grand Steward                |
| V.W. Bro. R. E. Struthers (55), Bassano.....        | Grand Steward                |
| V.W. Bro. W. J. Seed (24), Vermilion .....          | Grand Steward                |
| V.W. Bro. E. H. Cope (63), Edmonton.....            | Grand Steward                |
| V.W. Bro. C. E. Macdonald (7), Edmonton .....       | Grand Steward                |
| V.W. Bro. W. G. Collins (1), Calgary .....          | Grand Pursuivant             |
| Bro. R. H. Finch (9), Calgary .....                 | Grand Tyler                  |

## BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

## PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18).....Ponoka

## VICE-PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28).....Calgary

## SECRETARY

M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1).....Calgary



## BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Grand Master.....Calgary  
 M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Past Grand Master....Calgary  
 M.W. Bro. O. W. Kealy (35), Past Grand Master....Medicine Hat  
 M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor (7), Past Grand Master..Edmonton  
 M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Hogbin (1), P. Grand Master.Calgary  
 M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Past Grand Master.....Calgary  
 M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop (14), Past Grand Master.....Edmonton  
 M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), Past Grand Master ....Lethbridge  
 M.W. Bro. R. Patterson (3), Past Grand Master .....Macleod  
 M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Past Grand Master Edmonton  
 M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg  
 R.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), Deputy Grand Master..Ponoka  
 R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Senior Grand Warden.....Calgary  
 R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Junior Grand Warden ....Edmonton  
 R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), Grand Treasurer .....Calgary  
 R.W. Bro. M.M. Downey (23), Grand Registrar .....Calgary

## ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9).....Calgary  
 R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34).....Leduc  
 R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (22).....Okotoks  
 R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23) .....Calgary  
 W. Bro. H. Darling (7).....Edmonton  
 R.W. Bro. Dr. C. E. Smyth (2).....Medicine Hat  
 R.W. Bro. T. Sharpe (23) .....Calgary  
 R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson (12).....Red Deer

## SUB-COMMITTEES.

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G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

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### REVERENTLY INSCRIBED TO THE HONORED DEAD OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS

|                     |                                |       |    |      |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----|------|
| Arkansas .....      | Sam H. Davidson, G.J. Warden   | Sept. | 10 | 1912 |
| Arkansas .....      | J. W. Sorrels, P.G. Master     | Jan.  | 14 | 1913 |
| Colorado .....      | And. Sagendorf, P.G. Master    | Aug.  | 2  | 1912 |
| Colorado .....      | John B. Haffy, P.G. Master     | Dec.  | 9  | 1912 |
| Florida .....       | S. L. Carter, P.D.G.M.         | Feb.  | 25 | 1913 |
| Illinois .....      | C F. Hitchcock, P.G. Master    | Oct.  | 26 | 1912 |
| Kentucky .....      | H. Bannister Grant, G. Sec.    | Aug.  | 26 | 1912 |
| Kentucky .....      | Harry Bailey, P.G. Master      | Jan.  | 27 | 1913 |
| Maryland .....      | Edward T. Schultz, P.S.G.W.    | March | 11 | 1913 |
| Minnesota .....     | Samuel E. Adams, P.S.G.W.      | March | 29 | 1912 |
| Minnesota .....     | George W. Prescott, P.G.M.     | March | 21 | 1912 |
| Minnesota .....     | Henry R. Wells, P.G. Master    | Oct.  | 13 | 1912 |
| Missouri .....      | Leroy B. Valliant, P.G. Master | March | 3  | 1913 |
| Montana .....       | Leander W. Frary, P.G.M.       | Oct.  | 24 | 1911 |
| Nebraska .....      | Daniel H. Wheeler, P.G.M.      | Nov.  | 27 | 1912 |
| New York .....      | Christopher G. Fox, P.G.M.     | Sept. | 5  | 1912 |
| Ohio .....          | Jacob L. Long, P.D.G.M.        | May   | 31 | 1912 |
| Ohio .....          | Leander Burdick, P.G.M.        | Jan.  | 1  | 1913 |
| Oregon .....        | William A. Cleland, G. Treas.  | Feb.  | 27 | 1913 |
| South Dakota .....  | Oscar S. Clifford, P.G.M.      | Jan.  | 16 | 1913 |
| Utah .....          | Cristopher Diehl, G. Secy.     | Sept. | 17 | 1912 |
| Virginia .....      | G. W. Carrington, G. Secy.     | Feb.  | 4  | 1913 |
| West Virginia ..... | H. R. Howard, P.G.M. & G.S.    | May   | 9  | 1912 |
| West Virginia ..... | Joseph Hall, P.G. Master       | Jan.  | 25 | 1913 |

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### TO THE HONORED DEAD OF OUR OWN JURISDICTION

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------|------|
| Bow River, No. 1.....     | Wannacott, Geo., died..... | March 25 | 1912 |
| North Star, No. 4.....    | Rogers, Geo., died .....   | May 7    | 1912 |
| Perfection No. 9.....     | Lewis, Chas., died .....   | June 4   | 1912 |
| Perfection No. 9.....     | Dunlop, A.J., died .....   | Oct. 1   | 1912 |
| Eureka, No. 10.....       | Kent, A.W., died .....     | Sept. 22 | 1912 |
| Eureka, No. 10.....       | Simpson, Edmund, died..    | Nov. 6   | 1912 |
| Eureka, No. 10.....       | Van Eaton, E., died .....  | Nov. 30  | 1912 |
| Acacia, No. 11.....       | Lendrum, R.W., died ....   | Feb. 27  | 1912 |
| Acacia, No. 11.....       | Moyall, Algernon, died...  | June 18  | 1912 |
| Wetaskiwin, No. 15.....   | Schmidt, Nils, died .....  | April 21 | 1912 |
| Calgary, No. 23.....      | Parker, Lewis, died .....  | Aug. 6   | 1912 |
| Apollo, No. 27.....       | Johnston, G.A.W., died...  | Dec. 24  | 1912 |
| Apollo, No. 27.....       | Foore, W.E., died .....    |          | 1912 |
| Cairo, No. 32.....        | Cornwall, Wm. A., died..   | Oct. 14  | 1912 |
| Star of West, No. 34..... | Kennedy, James, died....   | July 11  | 1912 |
| Unity, No. 51.....        | Robertson, W.McN., died.   | June 17  | 1912 |
| Mt. Lebanon, No. 54.....  | Breckon, A.J., died .....  | Sept. 24 | 1912 |
| Grassy Lake, No. 57.....  | Tughan, B.E., died .....   |          | 1912 |
| Bow Island, No. 64.....   | Donovan, J.A., died .....  | Sept. 5  | 1912 |

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LODGE DIRECTORY  
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STATISTICAL TABLES

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# LODGE DIRECTORY

| No. | Name of Lodge    | W. Master.       | Secretary.       | Address.                 | Night of Regular Meeting.         |
|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1   | Bow River        | F. R. Jelfs      | G. A. T. Mason   | 333 5th Ave. N. S. Calg. | Second Monday in each month.      |
| 2   | Medicine Hat     | Thos. Hutchinson | R. M. Napier     | P.O. 1330 Med. Hat       | Tuesday on or before full moon.   |
| 3   | Alberta          | J. A. Webb       | Fred N. Morris   | P.O. 30, Macleod.        | Wednesday on or before full moon. |
| 4   | North Star       | E. Oxlund        | J. A. Reid       | P.O. 1809, Lethbridge    | Second Monday in each month.      |
| 5   | Cascade          | S. J. Unwin      | Ed. Harding      | Bariff                   | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 6   | Spitzie          | J. E. Wright     | T. J. Cumberland | Pincher Creek            | Friday on or before full moon.    |
| 7   | Edmonton         | J. W. Lewis      | A. West          | P.O. 515, Edmonton.      | Third Thursday in each month.     |
| 8   | Innisfail        | D. J. Morkeberg  | E. Finkle        | Innisfail                | Third Tuesday in each month.      |
| 9   | Perfection       | W. W. Piper      | Wm. Ireland      | P.O. 1263, Calgary.      | Third Tuesday in each month.      |
| 10  | Eureka           | G. H. Hutton     | N. E. Carruthers | Lacombe                  | First Wednesday in each month.    |
| 11  | Acacia           | C. A. Curtis     | A. H. Church     | P.O. 23, Edmonton S.     | Second Thursday in each month.    |
| 12  | Red Deer         | F. H. Tallman    | H. J. Snell      | Red Deer                 | Second Tuesday in each month.     |
| 13  | Victoria         | A. Chard         | P. D. Gordon     | Ft. Saskatchewan         | Tuesday on or before full moon.   |
| 14  | Jasper           | Geo. Riach       | D. J. Smith      | 555, 6th St. Edm.        | Second Monday in each month.      |
| 15  | Wetaskiwin       | H. I. Millar     | E. D. H. Wilkins | Wetaskiwin               | Third Thursday in each month.     |
| 16  | Mountain View    | L. H. Walkly     | Walter F. Bliss  | P.O. 331, Olds           | Friday on or before full moon.    |
| 17  | Nanton           | E. D. Malloy     | G. E. McKeage    | Nanton                   | Third Friday in each month.       |
| 18  | Bethannia        | J. W. O'Brien    | T. J. Purkin     | Ponoka                   | First Thursday in each month.     |
| 19  | Cornerstone      | A. Francis       | P. G. Thomas     | P.O. 232, High River.    | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 20  | Carstairs        | W. A. Shields    | C. W. Moore      | Carstairs                | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 21  | King Hiram       | L. Knowles       | S. R. Rodson     | Carstairs                | Tuesday on or before full moon.   |
| 22  | Corinthian       | H. G. H. Glass   | A. J. Davis      | P.O. 538, Calgary        | First Friday in each month.       |
| 23  | Calgary          | W. A. Fallow     | H. A. Meredith   | P.O. 14, Vermilion.      | First Friday in each month.       |
| 24  | Vermilion        | J. S. Quigley    | Thos. Taylor     | Vegreville               | Tuesday on or before full moon.   |
| 25  | St. John         | H. H. Munro      | A. W. Dunlap     | Stettler                 | First Monday in each month.       |
| 26  | Sentinel         | W. J. McLeod     | A. W. Trickey    | P.O. 1769, Calgary.      | First Monday in each month.       |
| 27  | Apollo           | W. T. Coote      | W. L. Oulmette   | Red Deer                 | Second Thursday in each month.    |
| 28  | Ashlar           | Ed. Disney       | W. G. Moffatt    | Clareholm                | First Tuesday in each month.      |
| 29  | Kenilworth       | E. T. Westlake   | W. G. Hopkins    | Stavely                  | First Thursday in each month.     |
| 30  | Summit           | J. B. Boese      | F. A. Hopkins    | P.O. 261, Leduc          | Tuesday on or before full moon.   |
| 31  | Doric            | R. A. Hopkins    | W. G. Lowry      | Medicine Hat             | Third Tuesday in each month.      |
| 32  | Cairo            | D. Milne         | Rev. H. McEwan   | Medicine Hat             | Tuesday on or before full moon.   |
| 33  | Stavely          | T. H. Beach      | J. A. Young      | Camrose                  | First Tuesday in each month.      |
| 34  | Star of the West | J. T. Johnson    |                  |                          | Tuesday after full moon.          |
| 35  | Mizpah           |                  |                  |                          | Tuesday on or after full moon.    |
| 36  | Glenglen         |                  |                  |                          | Second Thursday in each month.    |
| 37  | Camrose          |                  |                  |                          |                                   |

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|-----|----------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 38  | Hope           | ..... | R. B. Hanning    | ..... | Wm. Prust        | ..... | Mannville              | ..... | Friday on or before full moon.    |
| 39  | Lethbridge     | ..... | Jno. Jones       | ..... | R. G. Straker    | ..... | 623, 9th St.S. L'br'ge | ..... | Third Thursday in each month.     |
| 40  | Joppa          | ..... | N. Nicholson     | ..... | Thos. Gillespie  | ..... | Granum                 | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 41  | King Solomon   | ..... | A. W. Park       | ..... | S. Spicer        | ..... | Cochran                | ..... | Friday on or before full moon.    |
| 42  | Bowden         | ..... | Wm. Wilson       | ..... | R. L. Billington | ..... | Killam                 | ..... | Wednesday on or before full moon. |
| 43  | Tuscan         | ..... | J. H. Caldwell   | ..... | R. J. McGowan    | ..... | Wainwright             | ..... | Wednesday on or before full moon. |
| 44  | Buffalo Park   | ..... | W. E. Washburn   | ..... | N. S. Kenny      | ..... | Alx.                   | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 45  | Ionic          | ..... | Jas. Brindie     | ..... | H. G. Finch      | ..... | Tonoid                 | ..... | First Wednesday in each month.    |
| 46  | Palestine      | ..... | W. J. Lighthart  | ..... | S. Nicholson     | ..... | Cowley                 | ..... | Monday on or before full moon.    |
| 47  | Chinook        | ..... | R. S. Peacock    | ..... | J. A. Murphy     | ..... | Crossfield             | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 48  | Crossfield     | ..... | R. S. Peacock    | ..... | J. A. Murphy     | ..... | Carmangay              | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 49  | Robert Burns   | ..... | J. W. Miller     | ..... | A. F. Wilson     | ..... | Hardisty               | ..... | First Tuesday in each month.      |
| 50  | Comet          | ..... | A. H. MacLachlan | ..... | Geo. Donnelly    | ..... | 440 14th St. Edmon.    | ..... | Monday on or before full moon.    |
| 51  | Unity          | ..... | F. J. Follinsbee | ..... | G. F. Stelle     | ..... | Langdon                | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 52  | Langdon        | ..... | O. Botsford      | ..... | G. F. Stelle     | ..... | Strathmore             | ..... | Monday on or before full moon.    |
| 53  | Strathmore     | ..... | A. W. Girvin     | ..... | G. F. Stelle     | ..... | Strathmore             | ..... | Second Tuesday in each month.     |
| 54  | Mt. Lebanon    | ..... | C. J. Gale       | ..... | Jas. Shaw        | ..... | P.O. 515, Calgary      | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 55  | Bassano        | ..... | R. H. Struthers  | ..... | G. H. Travis     | ..... | Bassano                | ..... | Second Tuesday in each month.     |
| 56  | Beaver         | ..... | G. Auxier        | ..... | J. N. Warnock    | ..... | Castor                 | ..... | First Wednesday in each month.    |
| 57  | Grassy Lake    | ..... | Robt. MacLachlan | ..... | H. B. Moss       | ..... | Grassy Lake            | ..... | Second Thursday in each month.    |
| 58  | Chief Mountain | ..... | D. S. Beach      | ..... | E. N. Barker     | ..... | Cardston               | ..... | Second Saturday in each month.    |
| 59  | King George    | ..... | J. Rockley       | ..... | E. J. Flavin     | ..... | Calgary                | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 60  | Acme           | ..... | J. H. Owen       | ..... | C. S. James      | ..... | Acme                   | ..... | Wednesday on or after full moon.  |
| 61  | Provost        | ..... | A. J. Powell     | ..... | W. A. Irwin      | ..... | Provost                | ..... | Third Thursday in each month.     |
| 62  | Coal           | ..... | S. T. Wetterberg | ..... | E. W. Thirk      | ..... | Bavif                  | ..... | First Monday in each month.       |
| 63  | Empire         | ..... | C. J. Le Key     | ..... | John Kelly       | ..... | 342 Queen's A. Edm.    | ..... | Second Friday in each month.      |
| 64  | Bow Island     | ..... | J. W. Reid       | ..... | W. A. Bateman    | ..... | Bow Island             | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| 65  | Diamond City   | ..... | Wm. Scott        | ..... | G. H. Porter     | ..... | Diamond City           | ..... | Second Friday in each month.      |
| 66  | St. Andrew     | ..... | Wm. H. Martin    | ..... | A. A. Keir       | ..... | Trochu                 | ..... | First Thursday in each month.     |
| U.D | Charly         | ..... | R. B. C. Thomson | ..... | G. W. Taylor     | ..... | Gethridge              | ..... | Thursday on or before full moon.  |
| U.D | Edson          | ..... | A. Haines        | ..... | J. D. McKenzie   | ..... | Edson                  | ..... | First Tuesday in each month.      |
| U.D | Connaught      | ..... | Wm. McAtthey     | ..... | J. W. Martin     | ..... | Viking                 | ..... | Third Tuesday in each month.      |
| U.D | Quarry         | ..... | A. J. Nicholson  | ..... | Jas. Sinclair    | ..... | Redcliff               | ..... | First Tuesday in each month.      |
| U.D | Tawatnaw       | ..... | A. J. Dallas     | ..... | H. H. Lowe       | ..... | Athabasca Landing      | ..... | Third Tuesday in each month.      |
| U.D | Coronation     | ..... | C. S. Mitchell   | ..... | C. E. McConnell  | ..... | Coronation             | ..... | Monday on or before full moon.    |
| U.D | Brooks         | ..... | J. H. Binns      | ..... | S. R. Luckham    | ..... | Brooks                 | ..... | First Tuesday in each month.      |
| U.D | Vulcan         | ..... | D. H. Galbraith  | ..... | W. A. Howes      | ..... | Vulcan                 | ..... | Second Monday in each month.      |
| U.D | Harmony        | ..... | A. M. McKee      | ..... | E. G. Pepper     | ..... | Sedgewick              | ..... | Wednesday on or before full moon. |
| U.D | Fidelity       | ..... | A. J. Whiteby    | ..... | W. H. Stonehouse | ..... | Bashaw                 | ..... | Second Monday in each month.      |
| U.D | Champion       | ..... | W. B. Blackly    | ..... | E. G. Ogilvie    | ..... | Champion               | ..... | Second Monday in each month.      |
| U.D | Strathcona     | ..... | Robert Wynn      | ..... | A. Elliott       | ..... | Edmonton South         | ..... | Wednesday on or before full moon. |
| U.D | Hanna          | ..... | J. A. McLure     | ..... | W. J. Miller     | ..... | Hanna                  | ..... |                                   |

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, DECEMBER 27th, 1912.

| Number of<br>Lodge. | Name of Lodge.      | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Restored. | Dismissed. | S.N.P.D. | S.U.M.C. | Died. | Membership<br>27th Dec., '11 | Membership<br>27th Dec., '12 | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------|---------|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1                   | Bow River .....     | 34         | 39      | 27      | 25          | 1         | 11         | ..       | ..       | 1     | 250                          | 208                          | 48        | ..        |
| 2                   | Medicine Hat .....  | 12         | 11      | 7       | ..          | 2         | 1          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 152                          | 165                          | 13        | ..        |
| 3                   | Alberta .....       | 5          | 2       | ..      | 2           | ..        | ..         | 6        | ..       | ..    | 73                           | 74                           | 1         | ..        |
| 4                   | North Star .....    | 9          | 12      | 9       | 7           | 2         | 7          | 17       | ..       | 1     | 217                          | 210                          | ..        | 7         |
| 5                   | Cascade .....       | 7          | 8       | 8       | 4           | ..        | 1          | 1        | ..       | ..    | 101                          | 110                          | 9         | ..        |
| 6                   | Spitzie .....       | 5          | 5       | 5       | 1           | ..        | 5          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 73                           | 74                           | 1         | ..        |
| 7                   | Edmonton .....      | 15         | 8       | 10      | 17          | 1         | 2          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 323                          | 354                          | 31        | ..        |
| 8                   | Innisfaill .....    | 2          | 1       | 2       | ..          | ..        | ..         | ..       | ..       | ..    | 53                           | 55                           | 2         | ..        |
| 9                   | Perfection .....    | 30         | 31      | 34      | 8           | ..        | 8          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 414                          | 442                          | 28        | ..        |
| 10                  | Eureka .....        | 6          | 6       | 6       | 4           | ..        | 5          | 1        | ..       | 2     | 77                           | 78                           | 1         | ..        |
| 11                  | Acacia .....        | 18         | 15      | 14      | 12          | ..        | 2          | ..       | ..       | 3     | 103                          | 129                          | 26        | ..        |
| 12                  | Red Deer .....      | 22         | 21      | 13      | 5           | ..        | ..         | ..       | ..       | ..    | 65                           | 92                           | 27        | ..        |
| 13                  | Victoria .....      | 1          | 2       | 2       | ..          | ..        | 1          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 70                           | 70                           | ..        | ..        |
| 14                  | Jasper .....        | 15         | 13      | 15      | 10          | 5         | 6          | 11       | ..       | ..    | 185                          | 197                          | 12        | ..        |
| 15                  | Wetaskiwin .....    | 2          | 5       | 5       | 5           | 1         | 1          | 1        | ..       | 1     | 58                           | 63                           | 5         | ..        |
| 16                  | Mountain View ..... | 6          | 5       | 5       | 2           | ..        | 3          | 1        | ..       | ..    | 43                           | 47                           | 4         | ..        |
| 17                  | Nanton .....        | 3          | 3       | 3       | 1           | ..        | 2          | 3        | ..       | ..    | 60                           | 59                           | ..        | 1         |
| 18                  | Britannia .....     | 3          | 3       | 3       | ..          | ..        | 3          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 42                           | 44                           | 2         | ..        |
| 19                  | Cornerstone .....   | 5          | 5       | 5       | 3           | 1         | 9          | 1        | ..       | ..    | 130                          | 130                          | ..        | ..        |
| 20                  | Carstairs .....     | 6          | 4       | 5       | 2           | ..        | 2          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 47                           | 53                           | 6         | ..        |
| 21                  | King Hiram .....    | 6          | 7       | 7       | 2           | ..        | 2          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 44                           | 50                           | 6         | ..        |
| 22                  | Corinthian .....    | 13         | 12      | 9       | 1           | ..        | 4          | ..       | ..       | ..    | 45                           | 55                           | 10        | ..        |
| 23                  | Calgary .....       | 34         | 29      | 20      | 18          | ..        | 5          | 2        | ..       | 1     | 122                          | 165                          | 43        | ..        |
| 24                  | Vermilion .....     | 4          | 6       | 5       | 5           | ..        | 4          | 1        | ..       | ..    | 47                           | 46                           | ..        | 1         |

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, DECEMBER 27TH, 1912—Continued

|    |                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 25 | St. John         | 1   | 6   | 6   | 1   | 1   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 52  | 52  | ... |
| 26 | Sentinel         | 6   | 7   | 7   | 4   | 4   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 47  | 57  | 10  |
| 27 | Apollo           | 9   | 10  | 8   | 3   | ... | 5   | ... | 2   | ... | 41  | 46  | 5   |
| 28 | Ashlar           | 9   | 13  | 5   | ... | ... | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 121 | 133 | 12  |
| 29 | Kenilworth       | 1   | 1   | 13  | 4   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48  | 53  | 5   |
| 30 | Sunmit           | 4   | 4   | 4   | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 33  | 37  | 4   |
| 31 | Doric            | 6   | 6   | 6   | 3   | ... | 1   | ... | 2   | ... | 43  | 49  | 6   |
| 32 | Cairo            | 4   | 9   | 7   | 5   | ... | 1   | 3   | ... | 1   | 49  | 52  | 3   |
| 33 | Stavely          | 4   | 4   | 5   | 4   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 55  | 59  | 4   |
| 34 | Star of the West | 3   | 3   | 3   | ... | ... | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | 30  | 31  | 1   |
| 35 | Mizpah           | 8   | 13  | 12  | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 52  | 62  | 10  |
| 36 | Gleichen         | 7   | 8   | 7   | 3   | ... | 1   | 2   | ... | ... | 42  | 49  | 7   |
| 37 | Camrose          | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1   | ... | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 36  | 37  | 1   |
| 38 | Hope             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 38  | 36  | 2   |
| 39 | Lethbridge       | 11  | 7   | 8   | 3   | ... | 4   | ... | ... | ... | 88  | 98  | 10  |
| 40 | Ioppa            | 1   | 3   | 2   | ... | ... | 3   | ... | ... | ... | 31  | 29  | 2   |
| 41 | King Solomon     | 3   | 3   | 2   | ... | ... | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 28  | 29  | 1   |
| 42 | Bowden           | 3   | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17  | 20  | 3   |
| 43 | Tuscan           | 2   | 3   | 5   | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 34  | 36  | 2   |
| 44 | Buffalo Park     | 7   | 4   | 4   | 3   | ... | 4   | ... | ... | ... | 42  | 48  | 6   |
| 45 | Ionic            | 6   | 6   | 6   | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 40  | 46  | 6   |
| 46 | Palestine        | 1   | 2   | 5   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24  | 25  | 1   |
| 47 | Chinook          | 2   | 3   | 2   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18  | 22  | 4   |
| 48 | Crossfield       | 1   | 1   | ... | 3   | ... | 3   | ... | ... | ... | 30  | 31  | 1   |
| 49 | Robert Burns     | 4   | 1   | 2   | ... | ... | 2   | 1   | ... | ... | 31  | 32  | 1   |
| 50 | Comet            | 4   | ... | 2   | ... | ... | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 18  | 20  | 2   |
| 51 | Unity            | 38  | 36  | 44  | 25  | ... | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | 182 | 243 | 61  |
| 52 | Langdon          | 7   | 4   | 4   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35  | 43  | 8   |
| 53 | Strathmore       | 7   | 6   | 6   | 2   | ... | ... | 1   | ... | ... | 27  | 35  | 8   |
| 54 | Mt. Lebanon      | 20  | 18  | 12  | 4   | ... | 4   | ... | ... | ... | 99  | 118 | 19  |
| 55 | Bassano          | 8   | 2   | 3   | 8   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 37  | 52  | 15  |

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, DECEMBER 27TH, 1912

| Number of<br>Lodge. | Name of Lodge.       | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Restored. | Dimitted. | S.N.P.D. | S.U.M.C. | Died. | Membership<br>27th Dec., '11. | Membership<br>27th Dec., '12. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------|---------|---------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                     |                      |            |         |         |             |           |           |          |          |       |                               |                               |           |           |
| 56                  | Beaver .....         | 4          | 6       | 6       | 2           | ...       | 1         | ...      | ...      | ...   | 35                            | 40                            | 5         | ...       |
| 57                  | Grassy Lake .....    | 2          | 1       | 3       | ...         | ...       | 1         | ...      | ...      | 1     | 24                            | 24                            | ...       | ...       |
| 58                  | Chief Mountain ..... | 4          | 2       | ...     | ...         | ...       | 1         | ...      | ...      | ...   | 19                            | 22                            | 3         | ...       |
| 59                  | King George .....    | 21         | 33      | 28      | 4           | ...       | 3         | ...      | ...      | ...   | 55                            | 77                            | 22        | ...       |
| 60                  | Acme .....           | 12         | 14      | 12      | ...         | ...       | 1         | ...      | ...      | ...   | 25                            | 36                            | 11        | ...       |
| 61                  | Provost .....        | 5          | 8       | 6       | 2           | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | ...   | 20                            | 27                            | 7         | ...       |
| 62                  | Coal .....           | 5          | 3       | 5       | ...         | ...       | 1         | ...      | ...      | ...   | 13                            | 17                            | 4         | ...       |
| 63                  | Empire .....         | 17         | 14      | 11      | 4           | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | ...   | 27                            | 48                            | 21        | ...       |
| 64                  | Bow Island .....     | 5          | 4       | 3       | 2           | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | 1     | 18                            | 24                            | 6         | ...       |
| 65                  | Diamond City .....   | 2          | 4       | +       | 13          | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | ...   | ...                           | 18                            | 18        | ...       |
| 66                  | St. Andrew .....     | 8          | 6       | 5       | 17          | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | ...   | ...                           | 25                            | 25        | ...       |
| U.D.                | Charity .....        | 7          | 7       | 4       | 14          | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | ...   | ...                           | 21                            | 21        | ...       |
| U.D.                | Edson .....          | 9          | 5       | 2       | 16          | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | ...   | ...                           | 25                            | 25        | ...       |
| U.D.                | Connaught .....      | ...        | ...     | ...     | 12          | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | ...   | ...                           | 12                            | 12        | ...       |
| U.D.                | Quarry .....         | 1          | 1       | ...     | 9           | ...       | ...       | ...      | ...      | ...   | ...                           | 10                            | 10        | ...       |
| Total .....         |                      | 156        | 540     | 522     | 310         | 14        | 141       | 52       | 1        | 22    | 4498                          | 5166                          | 681       | 13        |

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| A. Jurisdiction.       | From Grand Lodge of Alberta.          | To Grand Lodge of Alberta.             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Alabama .....          | W. Bro. R.E. Steiner, Montgomery.     | W. Bro. R. B. Ferguson, Edmonton.      |
| Arizona .....          | .....                                 | W. Bro. J. A. Simpson, Innisfail.      |
| Arkansas .....         | R.W. Bro. F. G. Lindsay, Bentonville. | R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Calgary.  |
| British Columbia ..... | W. Bro. J. H. Greer, Vancouver        | R.W. Bro. J.H.W.S. Kenmis, Pincher.    |
| Canada .....           | W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay        | R.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, Edmonton.      |
| California .....       | .....                                 | .....                                  |
| Colorado .....         | W. Bro. W. S. Pickrell, Durango.      | W. Bro. W. L. Elliott, Lacombe.        |
| Connecticut .....      | W. Bro. S. E. Downs, Danbury          | W. Bro. S. R. Hodson, Okotoks.         |
| Cuba .....             | W. Bro. Miguel Laldivar, Havana       | W. Bro. Dr. S.W. Hewetson, Pincher     |
| Delaware .....         | W. Bro. G. H. Baynum, Wilmington      | R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, Calgary.    |
| Dist. Columbia .....   | R.W. Bro. Ralph W. Lee, Washington    | R.W. Bro. Robt. Patterson, Macleod.    |
| England .....          | .....                                 | M.W. Bro. Dr. E.A. Braithwaite, Edm'tn |
| Florida .....          | W. Bro. R. H. Cooper, Palutka.        | V.W. Bro. A. N. Saddington, Banff.     |
| Georgia .....          | W. Bro. A. Q. Moody, Boston           | V.W. Bro. F. R. Exham, Calgary.        |
| Idaho .....            | W. Bro. J. W. Wallin, Pocatello       | R.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb, Lethbridge.    |
| Illinois .....         | W. Bro. H. A. Snell, Litchfield       | W. Bro. W.G. Ibbotson, Edmonton.       |
| Indiana .....          | .....                                 | .....                                  |
| Iowa .....             | .....                                 | .....                                  |
| Ireland .....          | .....                                 | .....                                  |
| Kansas .....           | W. Bro. G. D. Adams, Salina           | M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Calgary.        |
| Kentucky .....         | .....                                 | .....                                  |
| Louisiana .....        | R.W. Bro. Crow Girard, Lafayette      | W. Bro. H. L. Robbins, Calgary.        |
| Maine .....            | R.W. Bro. M. G. Trask                 | R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner, Macleod.  |
| Manitoba .....         | R.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher, Elkhorn      | M.W. Bro. Rev. G.H. Hogbin, Calgary.   |
| Maryland .....         | W. Bro. A. F. Pimbley, Baltimore      | W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, Red Deer.         |
| Massachusetts .....    | .....                                 | .....                                  |
| Michigan .....         | R.W. Bro. W. Gallagher, Saginaw       | M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Edmonton.      |
| Minnesota .....        | W. Bro. E. P. Dotson, Sandborn        | R.W. Bro. A. E. Jamieson, Edmonton.    |
| Mississippi .....      | .....                                 | .....                                  |
| Montana .....          | M.W. Bro. H. L. Frank, Butte          | W. Bro. Wm. Jaeger, Edmonton.          |

| Jurisdiction         | From Grand Lodge of Alberta            | To Grand Lodge of Alberta             |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| New York             | R.W. Bro. Jos. McKay, New York...      | R.W. Bro. Dr. C.E.Smyth, Medicine Hat |
| Nebraska             | W. Bro. Homer R. Hatfield, York...     | W. Bro. Percy Taylor, High River.     |
| Nevada               | A. L. F. Durlay, Reno, Nev             | W. Bro. Rev G.H. Webb, Edmonton.      |
| New Brunswick        | V.W. Bro. Hon. G. T. Baird, Andover.   | W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent, Calgary.       |
| New Hampshire        | R.W. Bro. Bard B. Plumer, Jr., Union   | W. Bro. H. J. Robie, Calgary.         |
| New Jersey           | W. Bro. S. S. Treadwell, Englewood     | R.W. Bro. M. J. Macleod, Edmonton.    |
| New Mexico           | W. Bro. Wm. T. Wright, Bathurst...     | M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald, Calgary.  |
| New South Wales      | V.W. Bro. G. W. Hulme, Auckland...     | W. Bro. Dr. H. L. McInnis, Edmon.     |
| New Zealand          | W. Bro. H. R. Dowell, Raleigh...       | W. Bro. W. F. Puffer, Lacombe.        |
| North Carolina       | W. Bro. C. E. Tillson, Carrington...   | W. Bro. James Reid, Vegreville.       |
| North Dakota         | R.W. Bro. C.I.F. Whitney, Lunenburg... | R.W. Bro. Robert Scott, Carstairs.    |
| Nova Scotia          | Bro. Jno. P. McClure, Columbia...      | R.W. Bro. A. R. Dickson, Wetaskwin.   |
| Ohio                 | W. Bro. H. L. Pittock, Portland...     | W. Bro. C. L. Peterson, Didsbury.     |
| Oregon               | W. Bro. G. B. McNutt, Charlottet'n.    | V.W. Bro. A. W. R. Markley, Calgary.  |
| Pennsylvania         | W. Bro. W. Williamson, Montreal...     | V.W. Bro. Dr. Jno. Westwood, Coleman  |
| Prince Edward Island | V.W. Bro. John Thos. Lorne, Nanab.     | V.W. Bro. R. W. Day, Calgary.         |
| Quebec               | W. Bro. W.L. Sharpe, East Greenw       | W. Bro. H. E. Daniel, F. Sask.        |
| Queensland           | R.W. Bro. F. B. Lewin, Regina          | M.W. Bro. O.W. Kealy, Medicine Hat.   |
| Rhode Island         | W. Bro. Col. J. M. Denny, Edinburgh    | M.W. Bro. H. E. Gillis, Calgary.      |
| Saskatchewan         | W. Bro. F. P. Carrington, Florence     | Bro. G. T. Bragg, Edmonton.           |
| Scotland             | W. Bro. Wm. Carpenter, Andover...      | V.W. Bro. A. C. Messer, Lethbridge.   |
| South Australia      | V.W. Bro. H.R.J. Payne, Launceston     | W. Bro. A. Allen, Calgary.            |
| South Carolina       | W. Bro. Junius Hobson, Somerville      | W. Bro. J. I. Brewster, Bowden.       |
| South Dakota         | W. Bro. S. C. Park, Salt Lake City...  | W. Bro. H. S. MacLeod, Calgary.       |
| Tasmania             | W. Bro. C. H. Darling, Burlington...   | R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown, Calgary.       |
| Tennessee            | R.W. Bro. E. Coulson, Melbourne...     | W. Bro. J. C. F. Bown, Edmonton.      |
| Texas                | W. Bro. Arista Hoge, Staunton...       | W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, Calgary.        |
| Utah                 | W. Bro. F. N. McCandless, Tacoma       | R.W. Bro. T. F. English, Calgary.     |
| Vermont              | R.W. Bro. Humble, Perth                | R.W. Bro. C. C. Hoyle, Edmonton.      |
| Victoria             | R.W. Bro. A. B. Clark, Buckhanum...    | W. Bro. R. Hollinger, Didsbury.       |
| Virginia             | R.W. Bro. E. L. Urquhart, Medford...   | W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Calgary.     |
| Washington           |                                        |                                       |
| West Australia       |                                        |                                       |
| West Virginia        |                                        |                                       |
| Wisconsin            |                                        |                                       |
| Wyoming              |                                        |                                       |



## GRAND LODGES.

Names and addresses of Grand Secretaries, with date when the continuous service of each began:

| Grand Lodge         | Grand Secretary.         | Post Office.       | Date<br>When Service<br>Began. |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama .....       | George A. Beauchamp.     | Montgomery ...     | Dec. 24, 1900                  |
| Alberta .....       | Dr. George Macdonald.    | Calgary .....      | Feb. 21, 1907                  |
| Arkansas .....      | Fay Hempstead .....      | Little Rock .....  | Nov. 23, 1881                  |
| Arizona .....       | George J. Roskrue.       | Tucson .....       | Nov. 13, 1890                  |
| British Columbia..  | W. A. De Wolf-Smith.     | New Westmin.       | June 22, 1911                  |
| California .....    | John Whicher .....       | San Francisco ..   | ....., 1908                    |
| Canada .....        | Ralph Leeming Gunn.      | Hamilton .....     | .....                          |
| Colorado .....      | Charles H. Jacobson.     | Denver .....       | Sept. 20, 1904                 |
| Costa Rica .....    | Diego Povedano.          | San Jose .....     | Jan. 31, 1906                  |
| Connecticut .....   | Frank W. Havens .....    | Hartford .....     | Jan. 20, 1909                  |
| Cuba .....          | Carlos G. Charles.       | Havana .....       | Mar. 24, 1907                  |
| Delaware .....      | Virginius V. Harrison.   | Wilmington .....   | .....                          |
| Dist. of Columbia.. | Arvine W. Johnston.      | Washington .....   | Mar. 16, 1901                  |
| England .....       | Edward Letchworth.       | London .....       | ....., 1892                    |
| Florida .....       | Wilber P. Webster .....  | Jacksonville ..... | Jan. 17, 1896                  |
| Georgia .....       | William A. Wolibin ..... | Macon .....        | Mar. 18, 1897                  |
| Idaho .....         | Theophilus W. Randall.   | Boise .....        | Mar. 5, 1898                   |
| Illinois .....      | Isaac Cutter .....       | Camp Point .....   | Oct. 2, 1906                   |
| Indiana .....       | Calvin W. Prather .....  | Indianapolis ..... | Feb. 12, 1901                  |
| Iowa .....          | Newton Ray Parvin .....  | Cedar Rapids ..... | June 5, 1901                   |
| Ireland .....       | Lord Castleton .....     | Dublin .....       | ....., 1902                    |
| Kansas .....        | Albert K. Wilson .....   | Topeka .....       | Feb. 22, 1894                  |
| Kentucky .....      | John I. Fisher .....     | Louisville .....   | ....., 1912                    |
| Louisiana .....     | Richard Lambert .....    | New Orleans .....  | Feb. 11, 1891                  |
| Maine .....         | Stephen Berry .....      | Portland .....     | Sept. 21, 1891                 |
| Manitoba .....      | James A. Ovas .....      | Winnipeg .....     | June 14, 1900                  |
| Maryland .....      | George Cook .....        | Baltimore .....    | Feb. 1, 1911                   |
| Massachusetts ..... | Thomas W. Davis .....    | Boston .....       | June 30, 1908                  |
| Michigan .....      | Lou B. Winsor .....      | Reed City .....    | April 30, 1903                 |
| Minnesota .....     | John Fishel .....        | St. Paul .....     | June 11, 1907                  |
| Mississippi .....   | Frederic Gordon Speed.   | Vicksburg .....    | Mar. 15, 1911                  |
| Missouri .....      | John R. Parson .....     | St. Louis .....    | Sept. 27, 1904                 |
| Montana .....       | Cornelius Hedges, Jr.    | Helena .....       | May 1, 1907                    |
| Nebraska .....      | Francis E. White .....   | Omaha .....        | June 9, 1899                   |
| Nevada .....        | Edward D. Vanderlieth.   | Carson .....       | Oct. 24, 1910                  |
| New Brunswick ..    | J. Twining Hartt .....   | Saint John .....   | June 8, 1897                   |
| New Hampshire ..    | Harry M. Cheney .....    | Lebanon .....      | Dec. 13, 1909                  |
| New Jersey .....    | Benjamin F. Wakefield.   | Trenton .....      | April 23, 1908                 |
| New Mexico .....    | Alpheus A. Keen .....    | Albuquerque .....  | Nov. 19, 1884                  |
| New South Wales..   | Arthur H. Bray .....     | Sidney .....       | Aug. 16, 1888                  |
| New York .....      | Edward M. L. Ehlers.     | New York .....     | June 9, 1882                   |
| New Zealand .....   | Malcolm Nichol .....     | Auckland .....     | April 27, 1900                 |
| North Carolina ..   | John C. Drewry .....     | Raleigh .....      | Jan. 10, 1895                  |
| North Dakota .....  | Walter L. Stockwell.     | Fargo .....        | Mar. 31, 1910                  |
| Nova Scotia .....   | Thomas Mowbray .....     | Halifax .....      | June 13, 1901                  |
| Ohio .....          | Jacob H. Bromwell .....  | Cincinnati .....   | Oct. 24, 1888                  |
| Oregon .....        | James F. Robinson .....  | Portland .....     | June 12, 1895                  |
| Oklahoma .....      | William M. Anderson.     | Oklahoma City.     | Mar. ...., 1910                |
| Pennsylvania .....  | William A. Sinn .....    | Philadelphia ...   | May 15, 1896                   |

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES—Continued.

| Grand Lodge.         | Grand Secretary.          | Post Office.      | Date<br>When Service<br>Began. |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Prince Edward Is.    | W. P. Doull .....         | Charlottetown .   | ....., 1910                    |
| Porto Rico .....     | Frederico Yumet .....     | San Juan .....    | .....                          |
| Quebec .....         | Will H. Whyte .....       | Montreal .....    | Jan. —, 1902                   |
| Queensland .....     | Charles H. Harley .....   | Brisbane .....    | .....                          |
| Rhode Island .....   | S. Penrose Williams.....  | Providence .....  | May 15, 1901                   |
| Saskatchewan .....   | John M. Shaw .....        | Regina .....      | .....                          |
| Scotland .....       | David Reid .....          | Edinburgh .....   | ....., 1900                    |
| South Africa .....   | Francis Kight .....       | Capetown .....    | .....                          |
| South Australia ..   | Charles R. I. Glover..... | Adelaide .....    | .....                          |
| South Carolina ..... | O. Frank Hart .....       | Columbia .....    | April 15, 1910                 |
| South Dakota .....   | George A. Pettigrew ..... | Sioux Falls ..... | June 13, 1894                  |
| Tasmania .....       | John Hamilton .....       | Hobart .....      | .....                          |
| Tennessee .....      | John B. Garrett .....     | Nashville .....   | Jan. 21, 1894                  |
| Texas .....          | John Watson .....         | Waco .....        | Dec. 6, 1895                   |
| Utah .....           | Charles B Jack .....      | Salt Lake City .. | ....., 1912                    |
| Valley of Mexico..   | Alberto Pro .....         | Mexico .....      | Oct. 6, 1910                   |
| Vermont .....        | Henry H. Ross .....       | Burlington .....  | June 12, 1902                  |
| Virginia .....       | .....                     | .....             | .....                          |
| Victoria .....       | Chas. James Barrow...     | Melbourne .....   | Aug. 1, 1910                   |
| Washington .....     | Horace W. Tyler .....     | Tacoma .....      | June 14, 1906                  |
| West Virginia .....  | John M. Collins .....     | Charleston .....  | ....., 1912                    |
| Wisconsin .....      | William W. Perry .....    | Milwaukee .....   | Sept. 12, 1900                 |
| Wyoming .....        | William L. Kuykendall ..  | Saratoga .....    | Dec. 8, 1886                   |
| Western Australia    | J. D. Stevenson .....     | Perth .....       | .....                          |

NOTE.—The attention of Grand Secretaries is particularly directed to the foregoing list. If there are any errors in the same, I will be glad to have them corrected; and where no date is given, I will esteem it a favor if the Grand Secretary will furnish me with the same.

G. MACDONALD,  
Grand Secretary.

# OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

| Grand Masters          | Deputy Grand Masters | Grand Senior Wardens | Grand Junior Wardens | Grand Treasurers  | Grand Secretaries            | Grand Registrars        | Grand Chaplains     |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1905 Dr. G. Macdonald  | H. C. Taylor         | T. F. English        | O. W. Kealy          | E. N. Brown       | J. J. Dunlop                 | Rev. J. Hinchliffe      | Rev. J. S. Chivers  |
| 1906 O. W. Kealy       | Rev. G. H. Hogbin    | R. G. Matthews       | Thos. McNabb         | E. N. Brown       | J. J. Dunlop                 | C. H. Stuart-Wade       | Rev. J. Hinchliffe  |
| 1907 H. C. Taylor      | Rev. G. H. Hogbin    | Thos. McNabb         | J. T. Macdonald      | E. N. Brown       | Dr. G. Macdonald<br>P. G. M. | C. H. Stuart-Wade       | Rev. C. C. Hoyle    |
| 1908 Rev. G. H. Hogbin | J. T. Macdonald      | J. J. Dunlop         | A. F. Jamieson       | Dr. N. J. Lindsay | Dr. G. Macdonald<br>P. G. M. | O. W. Kealy<br>P. G. M. | Rev. W. R. George   |
| 1909 J. T. Macdonald   | Thos. McNabb         | J. J. Dunlop         | R. Patterson         | Dr. N. J. Lindsay | Dr. G. Macdonald<br>P. G. M. | O. W. Kealy<br>P. G. M. | Rev. G. H. Webb     |
| 1910 J. J. Dunlop      | Thos. McNabb         | R. Patterson         | S. J. Blair          | Dr. N. J. Lindsay | Dr. G. Macdonald<br>P. G. M. | W. M. Connacher         | Rev. Canon Stocken  |
| 1911 Thos. McNabb      | R. Patterson         | S. J. Blair          | J. A. Jackson        | Dr. N. J. Lindsay | Dr. G. Macdonald<br>P. G. M. | W. M. Connacher         | Rev. S. B. Hillocks |
| 1912 R. Patterson      | S. J. Blair          | J. A. Jackson        | S. Y. Taylor         | Dr. N. J. Lindsay | Dr. G. Macdonald<br>P. G. M. | J. M. Turnbull          | Rev. R. Pearson     |
| 1913 S. J. Blair       | J. A. Jackson        | S. Y. Taylor         | E. T. Bishop         | Dr. N. J. Lindsay | Dr. G. Macdonald<br>P. G. M. | M. M. Downey            | Rev. Canon Stocken  |

## LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

## DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. M. Empey (1)

|        |              |       |          |
|--------|--------------|-------|----------|
| No. 1  | Bow River    | ..... | Calgary  |
| No. 5  | Cascade      | ..... | Banff    |
| No. 9  | Perfection   | ..... | Calgary  |
| No. 23 | Calgary      | ..... | Calgary  |
| No. 28 | Ashlar       | ..... | Calgary  |
| No. 54 | Mt. Lebanon  | ..... | Calgary  |
| No. 59 | King George  | ....  | Calgary  |
| No. 41 | King Solomon | ...   | Cochrane |

## DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35)

|        |                |       |              |
|--------|----------------|-------|--------------|
| No. 2  | Medicine Hat   | ...   | Medicine Hat |
| No. 4  | North Star     | ..... | Lethbridge   |
| No. 31 | Doric          | ..... | Taber        |
| No. 35 | Mizpah         | ..... | Medicine Hat |
| No. 39 | Lethbridge     | ..... | Lethbridge   |
| No. 49 | Robert Burns   | ...   | Cardmangay   |
| No. 57 | Grassy Lake    | ....  | Grassy Lake  |
| No. 58 | Chief Mountain | ...   | Cardston     |
| No. 64 | Bow Island     | ....  | Bow Island   |
| No. 65 | Diamond City   | ....  | Diamond City |
| No. 67 | Charity        | ..... | Lethbridge   |
| No. 74 | Vulcan         | ..... | Vulcan       |

## DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M —R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon (11)

|        |                  |       |                   |
|--------|------------------|-------|-------------------|
| No. 7  | Edmonton         | ..... | Edmonton          |
| No. 11 | Acacia           | ..... | Edmonton South    |
| No. 14 | Jasper           | ..... | Edmonton          |
| No. 34 | Star of the West | ..    | Leduc             |
| No. 51 | Unity            | ..... | Edmonton          |
| No. 63 | Empire           | ..... | Edmonton          |
| No. 68 | Edson            | ..... | Edson             |
| No. 71 | Tawatinaw        | ..... | Athabasca Landing |
| U.D.   | Strathcona       | ..... | Edmonton South    |

## DISTRICT NO. 4

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. Dickson (20)

|        |               |            |
|--------|---------------|------------|
| No. 8  | Innisfail     | Innisfail  |
| No. 16 | Mountain View | Olds       |
| No. 20 | Carstairs     | Carstairs  |
| No. 21 | King Hiram    | Didsbury   |
| No. 42 | Bowden        | Bowden     |
| No. 48 | Crossfield    | Crossfield |
| No. 60 | Acme          | Acme       |
| No. 66 | St. Andrew    | Trochu     |

## DISTRICT NO. 5

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37)

|        |            |            |
|--------|------------|------------|
| No. 15 | Wetaskiwin | Wetaskiwin |
| No. 18 | Britannia  | Ponoka     |
| No. 37 | Camrose    | Camrose    |
| No. 43 | Tuscan     | Killam     |
| No. 50 | Comet      | Hardisty   |
| No. 61 | Provost    | Provost    |
| No. 62 | Coal       | Bawlf      |
| No. 75 | Harmony    | Sedgewick  |
| U.D.   | Hanna      | Hanna      |

## DISTRICT NO. 6

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. D. J. McDiarmid (40)

|        |             |            |
|--------|-------------|------------|
| No. 17 | Nanton      | Nanton     |
| No. 19 | Cornerstone | High River |
| No. 22 | Corinthian  | Okotoks    |
| No. 32 | Cairo       | Claresholm |
| No. 33 | Stavely     | Stavely    |
| No. 40 | Joppa       | Granum     |
| U.D.   | Champion    | Champion   |

## DISTRICT NO. 7

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thos. Crawford (53)

|        |            |            |
|--------|------------|------------|
| No. 36 | Gleichen   | Gleichen   |
| No. 52 | Langdon    | Langdon    |
| No. 53 | Strathmore | Strathmore |
| No. 55 | Bassano    | Bassano    |
| No. 70 | Quarry     | Redcliffe  |
| No. 73 | Brooks     | Brooks     |

## DISTRICT NO. 8

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. A. Gunn (47)

|        |          |       |               |
|--------|----------|-------|---------------|
| No. 3  | Alberta  | ..... | Macleod       |
| No. 6  | Spitzie  | ..... | Pincher Creek |
| No. 26 | Sentinel | ..... | Hillcrest     |
| No. 30 | Summit   | ..... | Coleman       |
| No. 47 | Chinook  | ..... | Cowley        |

## DISTRICT NO. 9

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)

|        |            |       |            |
|--------|------------|-------|------------|
| No. 10 | Eureka     | ..... | Lacombe    |
| No. 12 | Red Deer   | ..... | Red Deer   |
| No. 27 | Apollo     | ..... | Stettler   |
| No. 29 | Kenilworth | ..... | Red Deer   |
| No. 45 | Ionic      | ..... | Alix       |
| No. 56 | Beaver     | ..... | Castor     |
| No. 72 | Coronation | ..... | Coronation |
| U.D.   | Fidelity   | ..... | Bashaw     |

## DISTRICT NO. 10

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. N. S. Kenny (44)

|        |              |       |                  |
|--------|--------------|-------|------------------|
| No. 13 | Victoria     | ..... | Ft. Saskatchewan |
| No. 24 | Vermilion    | ..... | Vermilion        |
| No. 25 | St. John     | ..... | Vegreville       |
| No. 38 | Hope         | ..... | Manville         |
| No. 44 | Buffalo Park | ..... | Wainwright       |
| No. 46 | Palestine    | ..... | Tofield          |
| No. 67 | Connaught    | ..... | Viking           |

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REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

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MAY, 1913

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*By S. Y. TAYLOR, Chairman*

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE,  
A.F. & A.M. OF ALBERTA

ALABAMA

92nd Annual.

Montgomery, Dec. 3rd, 1912

Seven Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. Daniel A. Greene, Grand Master.

The Grand Representative of Alberta was not present.

“The Grand Secretary called attention to the recommendation made by the Grand Master at the Eighty-seventh Annual Communication and adopted, providing that if a Grand Representative of a sister Grand Jurisdiction near this Grand Jurisdiction shall absent himself from three consecutive Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Jurisdiction issuing the commission thereof be requested to revoke the same. He reported that the Grand Representatives of two Grand Jurisdictions near this Grand Jurisdiction had failed for three consecutive years to attend the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge.

“The Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge directed the Grand Secretary to notify these several Grand Jurisdictions that their Representatives had failed for three consecutive years to attend the annual Communications of

the Grand Lodge and to request that their commissions be revoked and commissions issued to others as may be recommended by the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction."

The introductory paragraphs of the Grand Master's address are well worthy of a place in our review. He says:—

"We meet today as we have met for more than ninety years, practicing the same ritualistic ceremonies, professing the same principles, and holding the same tenets. But these ancient ceremonies possess a new meaning, those principles have become an active force and our tenets have assumed concrete form. No great institution can ever stand still, it must either progress, or be lost in the battle, in which the forces of good are arrayed against the influences which tend to degrade mankind.

"Ancient Craft Masonry, while it stands for the same today that it did centuries back, while it has come through the ages without any changes in its forms, alterations in its ceremonies, or variations in its professions, has ever been in the front of the battle of civilization for the uplift of man and the redemption of the world. Creeds, and religions and empires have arisen, flourished and decayed; doctrines which have swayed the world, and been maintained by the most brilliant intellects of our race have sunk into contempt and dishonor, yet Freemasonry still survives, unchanged and unchangeable. But, when we remember that she knows no touchstone of truth, looks nowhere for a competent censor, recognizes no infallibility in human flesh and believes that error cannot stand before the blazing torch of reason, we must admit that its basic principles are such that it cannot be shaken by religious reformations, nor overthrown by political revolutions.

"When around its altar, Jew and Gentile, Mohammedan and Bhuddist can meet in fraternal intercourse; when within its sacred portals, princes and peasants meet on equal terms, and religious beliefs are forgotten and political differences buried, it is not hard to see why this Institution has been able to adjust itself to every condition of civilization and meet the needs of mankind under all conditions and circumstances." The corner stones of nine public buildings were laid by the Grand Master or his representatives during the year.

The following Decisions will be of interest to our readers:

"1. A Subordinate Lodge cannot in its by-laws require a proficiency test in conferring the degrees, before becoming eligible to election as Master or Warden.

"2. One who is engaged in the sale of vinous, spirituous or malt liquors is ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry.



This applies to either or all degrees. Therefore, one who is so engaged and has been initiated or passed before the adoption of this edict becomes ineligible for advancement by its adoption.

"5. It is the duty of the J.W. to either prefer charges against a Brother who commits a Masonic offense, or report same to the Lodge and ask for a Committee. If he does the latter, and the W.M. appoints a Committee which recommends the preferment of charges, it does not then become the official duty of the J.W. to draw up the charges. This should be done by the Investigation Committee or another Committee appointed by the W.M. This does not mean, however, that the J.W. as a member of the Lodge or any other member may not prefer charges against a Brother, in case of a failure of the Committee to do so.

"11. When an applicant has been rejected by a Subordinate Lodge and still lives within the jurisdiction of the Lodge which rejected him, no other Lodge can receive his petition without the consent of the rejecting Lodge, even though more than three years have elapsed since his rejection."

The Brethren of Alabama are to be congratulated upon the completion of a commodious and well appointed Widows and Orphans Home.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star were thanked by Grand Lodge for their substantial aid and liberal donations in furnishing this Home.

Several interesting addresses were delivered at the dedication of the Masonic Home, which we regret our inability to quote from, owing to lack of space.

The following verses formed a fitting conclusion to the excellent address of Grand Master Greene:—

"There are loyal hearts and spirits brave,

And souls that are pure and true,

Then give to the world the best you have

And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow

A strength in your utmost need,

Give faith and a score of hearts will show

Their faith in your word and deed.

• Give truth and your gift will be paid in kind,

And honor with honor will meet,

And the smile that is sweet will surely find,

A smile that is sweet and kind.

Give pity and sorrow to those who mourn,  
And in flowers you will gather again  
The scattered seed from your thought out-bourne  
When you thought the sowing in vain.

This life is the mirror of King and slave,  
And is just what we are and do  
Then give to the world the best you have  
And the best will come back to you."

Past Grand Master Lawrence H. Lee was presented with a beautiful gold watch by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report which was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the action of the Grand Master in granting dispensations for the formation of a Lodge at Beech Grove, in Cullman County, and at Hanover, in Coosa County, beg leave to report, that we disapprove of the action of the Grand Master in granting these dispensations, for the reason that they contravene with Article 1, Section 7 of the Constitution, together with the Edicts on this subject, the distance between Beech Grove and its nearest Lodge being only three miles and the distance between Hanover and its nearest Lodge being about eight miles, by direct line, which is the measurement required under the form of construction of the Constitution by the Grand Lodge.

"We recommend, however, that this Grand Lodge heal all those who have been made Masons by these Lodges while acting under dispensation, and that their names be carried regularly upon the Roll of the Grand Lodge as unaffiliated Masons, and that upon application to the Grand Secretary, a dimit be granted them without cost.

"We further recommend that the Grand Lodge refund to the petitioners for these dispensations the money paid for the same.

"We further recommend that the furniture and property be turned over to the petitioners for said dispensations, to be disposed of as to them seems proper; provided, however, that it cannot be sold except to a regular Lodge or to a manufacturer or dealer in Lodge supplies.

Fraternally submitted."

The Foreign Correspondence Report was prepared by W. Bro. Titcomb. We read with pleasure his interesting report of the

forty-six Grand Lodge proceedings. Alberta was not among the number.

We hope to hear from Bro. Titcomb next year.

M.W. Bro. Daniel A. Greene .....Grand Master

R.W. Bro. George A. Beauchamp .....Grand Secretary

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### ARIZONA.

30th Annual.

Prescott, Feb. 15th, 1913.

A photo of M.W. Bro. Henry A. Morgan, Grand Master for the year 1911 adorns the first page of the proceedings.

One Special Communication was held during the year for the purpose of performing the funeral services over the remains of R.W. Bro. Thomas Stanford Bunch, Deputy Grand Master.

In his annual address Grand Master Morgan says:—

“Since our last meeting held in Tucson, great and momentous events have transpired within our boundaries and beyond our borders. The section wherein we labor has been advanced to Statehood, while in our sister Republic, revolution and bloodshed have stirred the people. All of these happenings give a greater field for the teachings of our order. The enlargement of our population following the rights of Statehood will increase our ranks in Arizona, while the tragedies being enacted across the line give those of our craft working there opportunity for instilling our principles of Brotherly Love and Relief.”

The address is a brief business-like presentation of his official duties during the year. Owing to the death of his life-long partner in business he was able to visit only two subordinate Lodges during his tenure of office.

The statement of the returns of subordinate Lodges shows the total number of Lodges to be twenty with a membership of 2,014 being an increase of 102 during the year.

The Third Degree was exemplified at the evening session under the direction of W. Bro. F. A. Shaw, Grand Lecturer.

The incoming Grand Master was directed to appoint a Committee to collect and publish the decisions of the Grand Lodge of Arizona since its formation and furnish each subordinate Lodge with copies of the same.

The Committee on Grievances reported that nothing had referred to it for consideration. We congratulate our brethren on this harmonious and peaceful condition of affairs.

This Grand Lodge has a balance of \$8,007.85 in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. A very valuable asset in times of need.

The Grand Master in the presence of a large gathering planted a tree on the Court House Square in the City of Prescott, in Commemoration of the admission of Arizona to Statehood. Addresses were delivered by P.G.M. Doan and Bro. Goldwater, Mayor of Prescott.

The Ritual of the Grand Lodge of California was adopted as the standard work for Arizona.

The following are some of the regulations adopted by Grand Lodge for the guidance of subordinate Lodges:—

"No. 5. Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are authorized to drop from their annual return the names of all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have been returned for two years previous and who have not in that period applied for advancement.

"No. 7. That hereafter no Master shall be installed until he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer or a Past Master of this Jurisdiction, showing his ability to confer the degrees of Masonry in accordance with our Ritual.

No. 9. It is the order of this Grand Lodge that no Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall incorporate under the State or Territorial law.

No. 11. Any Lodge, desiring to do so, may, by the adoption of a standing resolution to that effect, which resolution shall not be acted upon at the stated meeting at which it is introduced, not until notice in writing thereof shall have been forwarded by mail to every member, may provide for a system of life membership, which shall forever exempt the life member from the payment of dues therein.

"Said resolution shall provide that no life membership shall be granted except upon payment of a sum of money named therein, which sum shall, in case the annual dues are \$12.00, be not less than the sum of \$150.00, and the minimum amount to be proportionately greater or less as the dues are greater or less; and shall further provided that all amounts paid for life membership shall be invested only in such reputable banks of deposit or in such bonds of the United States, Territory of Arizona, or some city, country or town

thereof, or in such other first-class stock, bonds, or securities as may be directed by the Lodge and approved by the Master, and that only the income thereof shall be used by the Lodge, the original amounts to be forever kept and maintained as and for a permanent Life Membership Fund.

"Said resolution shall require the Secretary in making his annual report to the Grand Lodge, to report the number of life members borne on the roll, the amount of the fund thus created and the manner in which the said fund is invested.

No. "12 Hereafter, when a petition for the degrees, or an application for affiliation in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall be received, the Master, when appointing the Committee on Investigation, shall not announce the names of said Committee in open Lodge; but shall privately inform the Secretary as to the names of the said Committee. When this Committee makes its report, it shall be to the Master, and he to the Lodge, and after the vote has been taken, said report shall be destroyed."

There is no Foreign Correspondence report.

M.W. Bro. H. A. Drachman .....Grand Master  
R.W. Bro. George J. Roskrue .....Grand Secretary

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## ARKANSAS

71st Annual.

Little Rock, Nov. 19, 1912.

Seven Emergent Communications of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas were held during the year for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings according to ancient custom. May this time-honored practice never die out and may our brethren throughout the wide world see to it that the adamant of truth is their corner stone.

Twelve Past Grand Masters supported M.W. Bro. Mark P. Olney, Grand Master at the opening of Grand Lodge.

Bro. F. G. Lindsay, Grand Representative of Alberta was present. 495 delegates were present representing 468 Lodges out of 554 on the register.

In the Grand Master's address touching reference was made to great loss sustained by the brethren on account of the death of their beloved Past Grand Master and Past Grand Lecturer

Bro. George A. Dannelly. He was Grand Lecturer for about twelve years, until stricken with paralysis which made him a helpless invalid until his death.

The Grand Master wisely cautions the brethren to refrain from forming more new Lodges, and advises them to expend their energies in strengthening the Lodges already formed. Only one dispensation was granted for a new Lodge during the year.

The Brethren of Hot Springs Lodge, No. 82, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas are making an appeal to the Craft of the United States for a most praiseworthy object. The appeal is heartily endorsed by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and already eleven Grand Lodges have approved of the Scheme and have authorized the sending of appeal letters to their constituent Lodges. We sincerely trust that these brethren will be successful in their efforts to relieve the thousands of needy Masons who appeal to them for support, and that their project will meet with the hearty approval of every Grand Lodge in the American Republic.

The following report of the Special Committee will explain fully the purpose and plan of these brethren:—

To the Craft of the F & A M. throughout the United States of America:

Dear Brother—We have all made the same most solemn promise before our sacred altars in the presence of our Supreme Being and our brethren, to help one another. We have promised to act the part of the Good Samaritan at all times and in all places, when we could do so.

Let us tell you something many of you doubtless have never heard of or known but little about.

Do you know these wonderful hot springs belong to the Government of the United States?

That they belong equally to every citizen of this Government?

That they are controlled, operated and managed exclusively by the Government?

That the hot water to the bath houses is paid for by the tub, quarterly, in advance?

That the bath houses are erected, supplied and equipped under the supervision of the Government?

That the baths cannot be prescribed except through a physician licensed by the Government?

The attendant who gives you the bath is under the rules,

and if he disobeys them, if not immediately discharged the hot water to that bath house is cut off.

In other words the Government has, and retains, complete control of the waters and sells the same under strict rules, and it has officers here to see that these rules are enforced to the letter.

The Government simply leases a piece of ground for a certain number of years for a bath house. The house must be erected and equipped subject to the approval of the Government. And it must be so maintained and subject at all times to inspection and be governed in all matters in accordance with these rules.

Do you know that these hot waters contain medicinal qualities to a greater extent than all other waters of the known world?

That the government has sent its greatest and wisest experts here to ascertain the secret and substantially all they have found is that beyond question it possesses curative properties, but to what the same is attributed is but largely speculation?

These same health-restoring properties were known by the Indians long before DeSoto saw them. Millions of people have testified to their virtue, but when asked, "Why were you cured?" the answer is, "I cannot say. I only know I was lame, was halt, was sick and now I am well."

It is our opinion that these are God-given healing waters, and His mysteries are beyond finding out. They are not, however, like the "Pool of Bethesda," where the water was troubled at a certain season of the year by an angel, and only the first in was made whole of whatever disease he had, but ours are always troubled, so we have no great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the waters, but we do sometimes need help to get our poor indigent brother Mason into the pool.

Do you know that we have approximately 150,000 persons to visit these springs annually, and at least ten per cent. of this number are Masons, and of these Masons two per cent. are poor and many of them so poor and infirm that they must have help to get them into the pools? Who has to do with this? The Masons of Hot Springs. Ask every indigent Mason who has visited Hot Springs and let him tell you what we did for him. His answer will open your eyes, your heart, and forcibly impress you with a lesson in actual practical Masonry, that has always been taught, but not always practised, by the Craft, possibly, because of lack of opportunity.

Do you want to help us in this noble work? If so, you have the opportunity, and it will do your heart good all the remainder of your days. We will now tell you what we are going to do, and why you ought to help us.

The United States, through Congress, has given to Masonry two lots, together with the hot water privilege. These lots are situated near the centre of the city, and in close proximity to the hot springs, a site that is very accessible and overlooks the entire city. These lots are estimated at this time to be worth, with the hot water privilege, approximately \$75,000, but we are required to erect on the same within the next four years, a modern first-class Masonic Building, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, else we will lose them. We cannot mortgage them, or use the property now, at any time, for other than Masonic purposes. Our membership numbers 225, composed of business and laboring men, but few of whom could retire and be supported from their income. We, with but little doubt, contribute more to the poor and indigent Master Masons than all the lodges in any one state in the United States, and these objects of charity come from all the States. Sometimes we get a part, and sometimes all of our invested money returned, but often not one cent. The Masons of Hot Springs have pledged \$10,000 towards this building. This building is estimated to cost when completed \$100,000. We are going to have charity wards where we can care for your unfortunate brethren at as little cost as possible.

We have for years and intend to exemplify the work as nearly perfect as possible and in our charitable administrations it takes time and money, and when you consider the fact that we have more visiting brethren than possibly any ten or more lodges anywhere in the world, the magnificence and purity of our work, interests them and they return home brighter and better Masons.

We intend to have a library and reading rooms where our visiting brethren can spend all the time they desire among brethren from all sections.

If you never come, will you not be happy to know that your indigent brother has a home, and your more fortunate brother a place, where he can spend his leisure time from his baths in peace, pleasure and benefit?

Do you want to be a party to such an enterprise? If so, you have the golden opportunity right now at hand.

If every Mason in the United States would donate one dollar toward this great and beneficent cause, Masonry would own a home that would add untold honors to the order, be-



sides soon lift Masonry where it belongs. A small amount will not be missed by you, and we will promise you, should such amount ever be needed by you as an indigent Mason, call on us and we will respond two-fold.

You may think we are asking too much. But when you reflect for one moment, that this is not for our pleasure but for the benefit and enjoyment annually of hundreds of brethren of other jurisdictions to one of us. Hundreds of thousands of outside brethren will be entertained in years to come, and many who need a helping hand will be cared for, not gratuitously, unless necessary, but cared for as he should be cared for.

In the fruition of this grand and noble enterprise which is destined to bring such universal benefit to Masons generally, we hope and believe there will come a time when all the grand jurisdictions will send annually representatives here, who will assist us in the management and greater beneficence to our brethren.

In conclusion we beg to assure you that every contribution made for this cause will be kept inviolate and most sacred for the purpose and intentions herein set forth.

Make donations payable to Chas. N. Rix, Treasurer, and mail to J. S. Reamey W.M.

Fraternally,

S. P. Collins, Chairman of Finance Committee.

Harry H. Myers, P.G.M., Arkansas.

Chas. N. Rix, Gen. Gr. R.A.C., Gen. G. Chapter  
R.A.M., U.S.A., and Prest. Ark. Nat'l Bank.

J. P. Henderson, Judge of Chancery Court.

Approved April 15, 1912.

Many of the Brethren of Eastern Arkansas suffered the loss of property through flood, but were able to stand the stress occasioned thereby without aid from outside sources, although kindly tendered by the good brethren of California.

The Grand Master was requested by Grand Lodge to appoint a committee to select suitable Past Grand Master's jewels for every living Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and to call a special communication of Masons at a convenient date when the presentation would take place.

No action was taken by this Grand Lodge with reference to the communication from the Officials of the George Washington Association.

They decided to become members of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

The letter from the International Masonic Club of London, England, which had for its object the ultimate peace and goodwill among the Masons of the world, was referred to the incoming Grand Master with instructions to take such action as he may deem to be in the best interests of Freemasonry.

Owing to the fact that the manuscript of the Report on Correspondence was lost in transmission through the mails, there is no Review of Grand Lodge proceedings this year.

M.W. Bro. William T. Hammock.....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead.....Grand Secretary.

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#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

41st Annual.

Vancouver, June 20, 1912.

Ten Emergent Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year, six of which were for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings.

This commendable custom is becoming quite general among all English-speaking nations.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia will soon have for its use an annotated digit of all the Constitutions, laws, edicts and decisions of Grand Lodge since its organization.

Grand Master Burd puts a check on a practice which is too common in other Grand Jurisdictions. His ruling was as follows:

"In conferring the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Degrees each candidate must be taken separately through the ceremony up to the time when he is asked to retire. In conferring the Master Mason degree each candidate must be taken separately through the entire ceremony."

He recommends the constituent Lodges to consider the practice now in vogue among the Vancouver Lodges of meeting on one Sunday in each month during the winter season, for Divine Service.

This is a very commendable practice. It proclaims to the brethren the intimate relationship which exists between Masonry and religion, and is much to be preferred to the public march and demonstration so often indulged in by the Masons when attending Divine Worship.

Dispensations were granted to nine new Lodges during the year.

Lodges of Instruction under the permission of Cariboo Lodge No. 4, are in existence at Quesnel and Fort George. Grand Master Burd recommends this practice as a wise preliminary to the application for a dispensation.

The brethren have an opportunity of acquiring proficiency in the work of the three degrees.

He also recommended:

1. "That as a basis, and looking to that far off culmination uniformity, for which I found so strong a desire, a Monitor or Manual, such as is in use in other Jurisdictions, be prepared and enacted, embracing the lectures and such other knowledge as is quite proper to be printed of the two works popularly known as Canadian and American. The Brethren of the Emulation, Oxford, Stability, Australian and Canadian works, their differences being so small, would gladly welcome one Standard, likewise the Brethren using the works of some of our Sister Jurisdictions of the United States. In recommending this I do not want to be understood as a disciple of the letter perfect ritualists but rather as looking to something for the guidance of these who succeed us that they may the more whole-heartedly enter into the spirit of Freemasonry, and not be harassed as to what is right and what is wrong. This Monitor could be made to take the place of our "Forms and Ceremonies," the latter being included in it."

2. "That the funeral ceremonial be made more explicit by the incorporating of the rulings of M.W. Brothers Milne and Downie, that in the matter of precedence and form there be no chance for unseemly clash with the church and other societies. We do not take charge of a funeral of a deceased brother except on request, but when we do, either at the residence of the deceased, or at the church, no one should be allowed to come within our Lodge which is at labor until after the body is committed to the grave."

3. "That the constituent Lodges, using halls used by other societies, be encouraged to procure halls for their exclusive use, and that in all such cases the halls be dedicated. Our ceremonial loses much of its impressiveness when conducted amidst insignia of other Orders."

4. "That Brothers Robert Freke Gould, of Woking England, and W. J. Chetwode Crawley, of Dublin, Ireland, be made honorary members of this Grand Lodge, with the rank of Past Grand Warden. These two brethren are the most

eminent of our Masonic historians and I am sure that from the study of their works much good has been derived by the Brethren of this Jurisdiction."

The brethren of British Columbia were called upon to mourn the loss of a distinguished member of the Craft, V.W. Bro. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, Grand Chaplain.

1412 degrees were conferred by 63 chartered Lodges, and two under dispensation, an average of about 22 degrees each during the year. United Service Lodge No. 24, located at Esquimalt, had an increase of 41 members, the greatest increase in membership in this Grand Lodge during the year. Twenty-four of these members were affiliates.

Nearly half of the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are Past Masters. We congratulate Bro. De Wolf Smith on having the assistance of so many experienced members of the Craft.

The estimates for the ensuing year include the Grand Secretary's salary \$1500; grant in aid of Grand Lodge Library \$400; Committee on Foreign Correspondence \$100; Grand Historian \$100; Grand Treasurer \$50.

Compilation and printing "Code" \$750.

Ten per cent. revenue to Charity Fund, \$850.

Grand Secretary W. A. DeWolf Smith is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. His report is a very interesting one, and shows that he is thoroughly conversant with every phase of our Order.

M.W. Bro. J. M. Rudd.....Grand Master.

V.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith.....Grand Secretary.

## CALIFORNIA.

63rd Annual.

Los Angeles, Oct. 8th, 1912.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. Alonzo J. Munroe, Grand Master.

After the installation ceremony on Friday, October 13, 1911, the Grand Lodge was called off and the officers and members of the Grand Lodge proceeded to the City of Oakland. There, in the presence of the largest gathering ever assembled in Oakland, including thousands of Masons, the corner stone of the new City Hall was laid. Brother William H. Taft, President of the United

States, was present as the guest of Oakland, and delivered the address. The Grand Master, in accepting the invitation from the Mayor of Oakland, remarked that it had been customary from time immemorial for the Craft to lay corner stones of public buildings; that it had the approval of no less a character than President Washington, who as a Master Mason laid the corner stone of the Capitol at Washington. After laying this corner stone, the Grand Lodge was duly closed in San Francisco.

Eleven dispensations for new Lodges were issued during the year.

An effort is being made to raise an endowment fund of \$1,000,000 for the Masonic Homes of California.

A contribution of £85 was asked by the Grand Secretary of the Supreme Government of the Grand East of the Netherlands to aid in decorating the great hall of the Court of Arbitration, which is being built at The Hague, and for which Andrew Carnegie has given 6,000,000 guilders. The Finance Committee to whom this matter was referred, reported against it, and their report was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Monroe on recommending an amendment to the constitution says:—

“At our last Communication an amendment was proposed to the Constitution providing, that Lodges shall not receive petitions from the delegates, or for affiliation, from men engaged in the saloon business; also, making it a Masonic offense for Masons hereafter to enter upon that business. This proposed amendment is to be voted upon at this Annual Communication. To obtain information for the Craft as to what legislation along this line has been enacted in other Grand Jurisdictions, I sent a circular letter to the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and Canada, asking for a statement of their laws on that subject. These Grand Secretaries have made courteous and prompt replies. A statement of such replies is appended to this report. Exercising the power you have so generously vested in me to ‘recommend such legislation as I may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Craft,’ I now recommend the passage of that Constitutional amendment. In the address delivered by me as Grand Orator in 1904 to this Grand Lodge, these words were spoken: ‘Masonic institutions were framed for the elevation of men. Masonry with all its power is arrayed against this evil.’ Also, ‘May the day come soon when Masons everywhere and at all times may proclaim without a blush, without hesitation or misgiving, that temperance is a cardinal virtue practised by Masons; when Mason-

ry shall be a bulwark and a force in the struggle against this mighty evil.'

"Today I repeat those words. Abraham Lincoln, in life the great, the humble, the just, the forgiving, now the immortal, said in 1853, in an address in Illinois: 'The open saloon, or grog shop is the greatest tragedy of civilization.' If his words are true, then it is just and right to declare that men who live and fatten on this 'tragedy of civilization' shall not be allowed to participate in our privileges. I believe that, though the saloon may be legalized by men, it is outlawed by the teachings of Masonry.

"And if we shall by this amendment say to the man behind the bar, or who owns the bar, 'You cannot enter here,' what of the man in front of the bar? For the man in front of the bar pays the money that induces the man to stand behind the bar. If no men stood in front of the bar, there could be no man behind the bar; in fact, saloon bars would cease to exist.

"'Lest we forget,' let us realize that when we condemn the man behind the bar we cannot be just without blaming the man in front of the bar."

## APPENDIX TO GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

### FROM STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARIES

The following named Grand Lodges have nothing in their Constitutions, Regulations or Decisions bearing on the liquor question:—

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| 1. Alberta.          | 13. North Carolina. |
| 2. British Columbia. | 14. New Hampshire.  |
| 3. Canada—Ontario.   | 15. New Jersey.     |
| 4. Connecticut.      | 16. New York.       |
| 5. Illinois.         | 17. Pennsylvania.   |
| 6. Louisiana.        | 18. P. E. Island.   |
| 7. Maine.            | 19. Quebec.         |
| 8. Manitoba.         | 20. Rhode Island.   |
| 9. Maryland.         | 21. Saskatchewan.   |
| 10. Massachusetts.   | 22. South Carolina. |
| 11. Michigan.        | 23. Vermont.        |
| 12. New Brunswick.   | 24. Virginia.       |

Grand Lodges having Provisions, Regulations and Decisions on the liquor question, as follows:

1. ALABAMA. Decision adopted 1911.

"A profane, engaged in the business of selling spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, is not eligible to receive the Blue Lodge degrees."

2. ARIZONA. Regulation.

"That no intoxicating wines or liquors be allowed to be used as a beverage at any banquet, luncheon or other entertainment held by the Lodges of this jurisdiction within any Lodge room under the control of any Lodge of this jurisdiction."

3. COLORADO. Constitution, Art. XIX, Sec. 4.

"Intemperance and Liquor Traffic.—It is hereby made the imperative duty of all Lodges to restrain, as far as possible, the Masonic crime of intemperance by trial and punishment, as the case may require, and to exclude from Lodge and ante-room all intoxicating liquors; and for the faithful performance of these duties they will be held strictly accountable to the Grand Lodge. It shall be unlawful to initiate or affiliate any person engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage. All Masons are, therefore, prohibited from engaging in the liquor traffic."

4. FLORIDA. Regulations.

"363. The liquor traffic is demoralizing in its effects, has been productive of great evil, misery and suffering, and has caused the downfall of many brother Masons, therefore the particular Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction are advised and instructed not to accept the petitions of those engaged in it when they apply for admission to our Order. 1899.

"264. It shall be unlawful for any Mason after becoming a member of any Lodge owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Florida to enter upon and engage in the business of liquor selling, and any member who violates this regulation shall be subject to charges and trial for un-Masonic conduct in the particular Lodge in which he holds membership. 1901.

5. IDAHO. By-laws of Grand Lodge.

"Section 8. No Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall receive an application for the degrees of Masonry or for affiliation from any person who is engaged directly or indirectly, either as proprietor or employee in manufacturing or selling intoxicating liquors as a

beverage, and every person who, at the time of the adoption of this section, is a member of any Lodge in this jurisdiction and shall thereafter engage, directly or indirectly, either as proprietor or employee, in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, shall forfeit all rights and privileges belonging to him as a Mason, and shall be forthwith expelled from the Lodge of which he is a member; but this section shall not be construed to apply to any person who, at the time of its adoption, shall be a member of any Lodge in this jurisdiction, and, at the time of such adoption in good standing and engaged in such business."

#### 6. INDIANA. Regulations.

"Every Lodge is prohibited from conferring any of the degrees upon anyone who is in the habit of becoming intoxicated or makes it his business to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors."

"Sec. 129 The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage or the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage is a Masonic offense, and if a brother persists therein after being admonished by his Lodge it is the duty of the Lodge to suspend or expel him."

#### 7. IOWA. General Laws.

"Selling Liquor.—3rd. This Grand Lodge expressly declares the intentional sale of intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of Iowa, including sales by all persons engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, whether permitted by the laws of Iowa or otherwise, a Masonic offense, and the penalty, upon conviction thereof, shall be expulsion; and on the trial of a Mason accused thereof the record of conviction in the State or Federal Courts, or a certified copy thereof, shall be competent evidence and *prima facie* proof of guilt, but evidence upon trials under this section shall not be limited to such record evidence."

#### 8. KANSAS. Regulations.

"Intoxicating Liquors.—This Grand Lodge, by its approval of the decisions of its Grand Masters and the adoption of standing regulations relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, gives no uncertain sound on the subject, and thereby reaffirms its previous declarations and declares that the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or the aiding and abetting the sale of the same, directly or indirectly, by the renting of buildings, or furnishing means for the conduct of such business, with or without license, shall be deemed an offense against the body of Masonry, and all persons violating this regulation are ineligible to receive the degrees of



Masonry or to membership in any Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction.—Adopted 1903.

9. KENTUCKY. Regulations.

"Section 117.—Manufacture or Sale of Liquors. No Lodge shall receive the petition of anyone who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage. Any Lodge guilty of violating this provision shall be dealt with."

"Regulation 388.—The retailing of spirituous liquors has been so abused as to become a great evil in the social life of our country. The prosecution of such business by a Master Mason is inconsistent with his profession of moral character, and is calculated to bring the Order into public disrepute. This Grand Lodge disapproves the conducting of such business by a Master Mason."

"Regulation 240.—Manufacture or Sale of Liquors. By the words 'anyone who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors,' in Section 117 of the Constitution, is meant the person, firm or stockholder of a corporation, or a salesman, engaged in such business, and not one who may be employed as gauger, bookkeeper, stenographer, porter, driver of a wagon, watchman or laborer, who does not actually sell the liquor, by sample or otherwise, or participate in the distributive profits of the business of making or selling such liquors as a beverage."

10. MINNESOTA. Laws and Rulings.

"No person who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, to be used as a beverage, is eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry or for membership in a Masonic Lodge."

11. MISSOURI. Constitution.

"Sec. 182. No Lodge shall receive a petition for the degrees or for affiliation from any person who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, either as distiller, brewer, brewery agent, wholesale liquor dealer or salesman for such dealer, saloon keeper or bartender."

"Any Mason who may hereafter begin such business shall be expelled."

12. MONTANA. Standing Resolutions.

"Art. VIII.—Resolved, That it is the determined sense of this Grand Lodge that the indulgence in the vices of intemperance, gambling, licentiousness, or profanity, or either of them, by Masons in this jurisdiction, should be promptly suppressed by the

Lodges; and it is enjoined as a constant and special duty of all Masons to counsel, caution and admonish the Craft in this respect, and in case of wilful persistence the Lodge shall punish those found guilty of such indulgence by the infliction of adequate penalties."

"Art. XXI.—Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that it is unwise for any Lodge or collection of Lodges to use spirituous, malt or vinous liquors as a part of the refreshments provided at any banquet or other Masonic function, and the use of the same is hereby prohibited.—Adopted October 5, 1904."

"Art. XXIV.—Resolved, That any member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction who shall engage in the saloon business or act as a barkeeper in a saloon shall be considered guilty of un-Masonic conduct and it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of such Lodge to prefer charges against any such member; but it is understood that this resolution shall not be retroactive.—Adopted September 16, 1908."

#### 13. NEBRASKA. By-laws of Grand Lodge.

"Chapter XIV, Sec. 106.—Grounds of Disqualification. A Lodge cannot initiate anyone who is engaged in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, nor one who is engaged in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor one who cannot read and write, nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies. But a physical disability occurring after initiation will not prevent advancement."

#### 14. NORTH DAKOTA. Standing Resolution.

"That no person who is engaged in the business of keeping a saloon, or is engaged in the business of retailing intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, shall be initiated into any particular Lodge in this jurisdiction; nor shall any brother Mason who is engaged in such business be received in any Lodge as a member by affiliation."

"In this State, where we have constitutional prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquor as a beverage, we have sometimes had difficulty in the matter of the illegal sale of liquor through the medium of drug stores, so-called, and we have a ruling that where a druggist so far forgets himself as to dispose of liquors in quantities as a beverage he becomes ineligible for the degrees. The Grand Lodge has likewise sustained the suspension of members

who after receiving their degrees, have engaged in the saloon business in other States. Consequently the attitude of this Grand Lodge is very clear and strict."

15. NOVA SCOTIA. Constitution.

"Inasmuch as great care should be taken in the admission of candidates, Grand Lodge recommends that no subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction shall, in future, knowingly entertain any application for the degrees or for affiliation of any person or persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors."

Standing Resolution.

"That the Grand Lodge recommends that at all entertainments of Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges the use of spirituous liquors and wines be strictly prohibited.—Grand Lodge Proceedings 1896, page 67."

16. OHIO. Code of Laws and Decisions.

"Code Sec. 58.—To engage in the selling of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is a Masonic offense and should subject any brother so offending to charges and expulsion; it should also be a disqualification for initiation or affiliation in a Masonic Lodge."

"Note 2.—A Lodge, owning its building, will not be permitted to lease the same, or any part thereof, to be used for dealing in intoxicating liquors to be drank on the premises, while it might be right and proper to make a lease where liquors are to be sold for medical purposes only, on the prescription of some reputable physician."

"Note 3.—The provisions of Sec. 58 of the Code apply not only to a member of a Lodge, but also to any brother who is dimitted and unaffiliated and is engaged in the traffic in intoxicating liquors to be drank where sold."

"Note 4.—The proprietor of a hotel, in connection with which he owns and controls a bar in which liquors are kept and sold, as well as any employee engaged in said traffic, comes within the meaning of Code Sec. 58. If, however, he is merely the proprietor of the hotel and leases to another person the bar room, the bar and liquors being owned and controlled by such other party, such hotel proprietor would not be violating the provisions of the Code."

17. OKLAHOMA. Constitution and By-Laws.

"Sec. 32.—Intoxicating Liquors.—No intoxicating liquors shall be introduced within a Lodge room, nor in any rooms connected therewith, under penalty of a forfeiture of the charter."

"Sec. 34.—Intemperance. Whenever any Mason shall appear in public in an intoxicated condition, the Master of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the offense is committed shall, at the next stated meeting, order the Junior Warden to prefer charges against the offender; and should any Mason appear in a Masonic hall, during labor, in an intoxicated condition, the Master shall order immediate charges preferred, and if any Master of his Lodge refuse to enforce the foregoing requirement the Grand Master shall arrest the charter of such Lodge, or suspend the Master thereof, and report the facts to the Grand Lodge at its next Communication."

"Sec. 35.—Sale of Liquors. The sale of either malt, vinous or spirituous liquors, or any intoxicating liquors, at wholesale or retail, is hereby declared a Masonic offense and shall subject the offender who is a Mason to suspension or expulsion, and shall be a bar to initiation, passing, raising and affiliation in a subordinate Lodge. It shall be the duty of the Master to order charges preferred against all offenders in his jurisdiction who shall violate this section, and a trial shall be had as in other cases."

"Sec. 36.—Penalty. If any Lodge fail to enforce the provisions of Section 35, the Grand Master shall arrest the charter of such Lodge, and report his actions to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication."

#### 18. OREGON. Constitution.

"Sec. 180.—Not be proprietor of or a vendor at a place where malt or spirituous liquors are sold as a beverage."

"Sec. 266.—Any Mason who shall keep what is commonly known as a liquor saloon, or attend to the bar of a liquor saloon, shall be deemed guilty of a Masonic offense, and upon conviction thereof by the tribunal having jurisdiction in the case shall be indefinitely suspended."

#### 19. SOUTH DAKOTA. Grand Lodge By-laws.

"Sec. 64.—No person who is engaged in the business of keeping a saloon or who is engaged in the business of manufacturing, wholesaling or retailing intoxicating liquor to be used as a beverage shall be initiated into any Lodge, nor shall any brother who is engaged in such business be received into any Lodge as a member by affiliation."

#### 20. UTAH. Grand Lodge By-laws.

"That no Lodge shall receive a petition of any applicant who

is at the time a proprietor of or a vendor at an establishment where malt or spirituous liquors are sold as a beverage."

21. WEST VIRGINIA. Resolution.

"17.—Resolved, That from and after the adoption of this resolution those persons who in the future shall be engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes, shall be considered ineligible for initiation or affiliation in any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction."

22. WISCONSIN. Constitution.

"Art. XXVI, Sec. 6—Petitions Prohibited. No Lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive or act upon a petition from a person engaged in keeping a saloon or selling intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, and every Lodge is charged to strictly exclude from the Lodge and ante-room all intoxicating liquors."

23. WYOMING.

"By-laws, Sec. 89.—It shall be and is hereby made the imperative duty of Lodges in the jurisdiction to restrain, as far as possible, the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors or beverages of every kind and character, and for the faithful performance of this duty each Lodge shall be held accountable to the Grand Lodge."

25. WASHINGTON.

"424. Sec. 2—Liquor dealers ineligible. Any person engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, for other than medicinal or sacramental purposes, shall not be eligible to the degrees of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction."

26. NEW MEXICO. Resolution.

"Hereafter any person who is engaged in the saloon business shall be considered ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry within this Grand Jurisdiction."

Decision:

"Neither can a Lodge rent, consecrate, dedicate and occupy, unless temporarily by permission of the Grand Master, a room in any building in which liquor is retailed and served to the general public."

The present membership of this Grand Lodge is 48,315, a gain of 2,479 during the year.

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The Masonic Boards of Relief continue to do a noble work in the cause of suffering humanity not only for those of their own jurisdiction but also for the many who seek the salubrious climate of California in search of health.

Their disbursements for the year amounted to \$13,760.47.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by M.W. Bro. Edward H. Hart and is a very voluminous one, covering 200 pages of closely printed matter.

M.W. Bro. W. P. Filmer ..... Grand Master  
R.W. Bro. John Whicher ..... Grand Secretary

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#### CANADA.

(In the Province of Ontario.)

57th Annual.

Toronto, July 17th, 1912.

A carefully worded address of welcome for the Worshipful Masters of the twenty-five Craft Lodges in the City of Toronto was presented to Grand Master Aubrey White, and the officers and members of Grand Lodge, to which the Grand Master replied in appreciative terms.

A special effort was made by the Grand Master and his Deputies to raise the balance of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Only about \$3,000 out of the total amount of \$100,000 remains unsubscribed. This fund was instituted by M.W. Bro. Judge Harding about nine years ago. It met with various success at first but we are pleased to learn that next year will see the completion of this most laudable undertaking. We had the pleasure of advocating the merits of this Fund some years ago when D.D.G.M. of Wilson District No. 6, and therefore know somewhat of its early history and progress. About 750 needy brethren, widows and dependents were the recipients of financial aid during the past year. The total amount distributed was \$27,322.50, usually in small sums, ranging from \$10 to \$75 each, as the necessities of the individual case demanded. An inspector is appointed to examine carefully the merits of each request for aid. Thus Grand Lodge is protected against imposition by unworthy applicants. By this method of distribution many more are aided than can possibly be done in an institution erected for that purpose, and those declining in years are permitted to spend their remaining days among their friends and associates of former years without even their most intimate

friends knowing that they are receiving assistance from their Masonic brethren. This method has many commendable features which other Grand Lodges might, with advantage, adopt.

Eight dispensations were granted to form new Lodges and four corner stones were laid by the Grand Master with Masonic ceremonies during the year.

Regarding the issuing of dispensations, Grand Master White says:—

“No less than 277 dispensations were issued for various purposes. I have observed with great pleasure that a large majority of these dispensations were issued to enable Lodges to attend Divine worship. This is as it should be. I can think of nothing that is better calculated to bring the religious side of our institution to notice than for Masons to attend Church in large numbers from time to time as may be arranged. There seems to prevail some sensitiveness about our appearing on the streets to attend Divine service or other functions clothed in regalia. No such sensitiveness prevails in the Mother Grand Lodge, or in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as functions are constantly held where the brethren appear in regalia. I apprehend that the regalia of a Mason is a badge of honor rather than something to be ashamed of, and I would be glad to see my Lodges turn out in regalia to attend Divine worship more frequently than they do.”

The total membership of this Grand Lodge now stands at 50,300, a net increase of 1,700 during the year.

Complete reports of the work performed by the twenty-two District Deputies appear in the printed proceedings. They have each an average of about eighteen Lodges to inspect. Much of the success of this Grand Lodge is due to the untiring and self-denying efforts of these experienced Craftsmen.

The Masonic Temple Company of West Toronto rented the Assembly room of their Temple for a Jewish wedding held on Sunday. Dancing, and drinking of intoxicating liquors took place during the ceremony. Grand Master White expressed his disapproval of this action and informed the Masters of the Lodges meeting therein that if such were continued he would have to call their warrants out of this building. Satisfactory assurances were given to the Grand Master and the incident has not been repeated.

The following are some of the most important rulings made by the Grand Master:

“1. I refused to grant a dispensation to hold a Masonic picnic in the State of Michigan, our unpleasant experience

being too recent for me to wish any misunderstanding with that jurisdiction.

"2. That no brethren should be admitted or allowed to retire during the order of balloting if there should be two or more ballots.

"3. I declined to allow the reception of a petition for initiation from a Penitentiary convict out on parole.

"4. I declined to recognize in any way what are called 'Masonic Social Clubs'—holding that when it was intended to hold functions of any kind, a dispensation must be had in each instance. I did not decline because I had any doubt of the care that would be exercised by the brethren who applied, but because the precedent might lead to various kinds of trouble and reflection on the Craft.

"5. A notice of motion was sent proposing that certain lodges west of the Great Lakes should be permitted to secede. I directed that the notice of motion should not be received,—first, because it was treasonable, and secondly, because the lodges affected had made no sign that they desired such action on their behalf."

This Grand Lodge is adopting the Card Index System and voted an appropriation of One Thousand Dollars to pay the expense incident thereto.

The excellent report on Foreign Correspondence is written by Bro. A. T. Freed, P.G.M. With regard to the vexed question of "Perpetual Jurisdiction over a Profane" Bro. Freed says:

"In many States of the neighboring Republic the question of jurisdiction over rejected material comes up from time to time. If a candidate rejected by a Lodge in one State removes to another State, it is held that he must not be accepted in that other State without consent of the Lodge which has rejected him. This doctrine does not appear to be based on sound reasoning. Each Grand Lodge is absolutely independent, and must be the sole judge of the character and qualifications of the material it will accept."

M.W. Bro. Aubrey White .....Grand Master  
R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn .....Grand Secretary.

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## COLORADO.

52nd Annual.

Denver, Sept. 17, 1912.

Five Emergent Communications were held during the year, three of which were for the purpose of laying corner stones, and one for the purpose of paying the last sad offices of respect to Past Grand Master Andrew Sagendorf, who died Aug. 2nd, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

A photo of M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Simonton, Grand Master for 1912-13, and a brief sketch of his life and Masonic career appear in the proceedings.

William S. Pickerill, Grand Representative of Alberta was present at the Annual Communication.

The total membership is 15,532; an increase of 615 during the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$42,429 60.

Three dispensations for new Lodges were granted during the year.

This Grand Lodge approved of the action of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in taking steps to have the order of the War Department prohibiting the placing of Masonic emblems in National Cemeteries repealed.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge:

Louisville, Kentucky, Sept. 6, 1912.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado:

"About two years ago efforts to make uniform the Laws of Grand Lodges touching the trial of members of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge other than the one in whose territorial limits such member or members, sojourned or resided, met with indifferent success. Recently the question of trying a Kentucky affiliate by a Lodge in another Grand Lodge Jurisdiction was presented to me. Solely because such trial was in accordance with the law of such Jurisdiction, the reply to our objection seemed to be something like a defiance, but by diplomacy the matter was happily settled without any unfraternal utterances. This suggested that trouble might

grow out of the question unless some kind of "treaty" or understanding should be entered into between the Grand Lodges on the American Continent."

Therefore, I submit a course of procedure in such cases, different from the present method prescribed by our constitution. It seems to be simple and just, and I trust that it, or some better plan you may devise, will meet with general approval and be recommended for adoption by Grand Lodges.

#### TRIAL IN OTHER STATES.

If a Mason, who is a member of a Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be accused of a Masonic offense within the Jurisdiction of a Masonic Lodge in another Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, the accused may be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge in whose Jurisdiction the offense is alleged to have been committed. Such trial shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of the Jurisdiction of the trial Lodge. The Lodge which shall first prefer the charges shall have exclusive jurisdiction in the case, but shall immediately send by registered mail to the other Lodge a copy of the charges and specifications, together with notice of the time set for trial. It shall also immediately report the result of the trial.

"The accused or any member of either of the aforesaid Lodges shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge in whose Jurisdiction the trial took place."

The International Masonic Club of London, England, sent an interesting letter on international amity and good-will to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. We refer our readers to the report on North Dakota, where the letter is printed in full.

The following reply was ordered by Grand Lodge to be sent to the President of this Club:—

"Most Honorable Sir and Brother: Your Communication to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado received.

"Your object, your aim and your ideal for bringing about the settlement of international differences by friendly arbitration and adjustment is a most laudable movement in the federation of nations and in the promotion of a higher, richer and more refined civilization. It appeals to the Masonic Fraternity of Colorado—as it should to all Masons—in bringing about universal peace among all the nations of the earth,

thereby saving the virile and best blood of countries from the wanton ravages, cruelty and destruction of war. It is the spirit and doctrine of Masonry—deliberation, brotherly love and mercy—that are to be potent in this great movement, if universal peace is ever to be achieved.

“The Brethren of this Jurisdiction heartily join you in the promotion of this great and civilizing movement to the end that it may live and move in the minds and hearts of all men.

“With best wishes of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Colorado, and of the Brethren, I am,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE E. SIMONTON,

Grand Master.”

The oration delivered by Bro. William P. Benedict points out clearly our duties as Masons. The following paragraph will indicate the line of thought followed by our worthy Brother:

“A nobler destiny awaits it. Masonry, like Christianity, has slumbered for ages. But Christianity has rent, with mighty struggle, the bars of her prison-house, and beckons to her handmaid, Masonry, to follow her in the bright path of true glory and freedom. The genius of sectarian proselytism which disgraced and palsied the efforts of former ages, is departed, and a more celestial spirit now directs the energies of the Christian world—the spirit of the gospel of peace. The clouds of ignorance and superstition, which so long have darkened the moral world, are rapidly rolling away, and the Day Spring from on high pours its splendid rays in the souls of men. A new era is commenced. We need not look far for proofs of this fact. How has it been that for almost twenty centuries the most expensive efforts were unsuccessfully made to enlighten the heathen, while the discovery of the best, and to appearance the only effectual method—that of sending forth the BIBLE alone, that Great Light in Masonry, with note or comment, has been reserved for the present day? Amidst all the zeal for promoting this great design, which has warmed the souls of Christians in all ages before us, it seems never to have been discovered, since the time of the primitive church till the present age, that the BIBLE could speak for itself. This great object surely deserves the serious attention of Masons.”

The Foreign Correspondence Report was prepared by Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf. It covers 189 pages. Its most interesting

feature is the following original lines penned during the preparation of his report:

### HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

"Here's "Hands across the sea!" good sirs, here's "Hands across the sea!"  
 To every isle and continent where'er our Brethren be.  
 For we are one in sympathy as we are one in name,  
 The self-same tools are bright with use and mystic lights  
 aflame,  
 The same designs on trestle-board by which our tasks are  
 wrought,  
 Their symbol-truths impressed on heart and centered in our  
 thought  
 For that which counts for greatest good is through the lives  
 of each,  
 Who by their acts exemplify the principles we teach.  
 The world's great heart is throbbing with the spirit of unrest,  
 We hear the cry that welletn up from peoples long oppressed,  
 We see the rules of Mammon and the grasping hand of greed,  
 The travesties of justice and the toiler's bitter need.  
 The striving for the mastery, the ever-present fear  
 With nation watching nation and the war-clouds hovering  
 near.  
 And the question ever riseth as potentous signs we trace,  
 What will the final outcome be and what the saving grace.  
 And Masonry makes answer with its never-changing plan—  
 The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man.  
 Though aeons upon aeons break upon the shores of time,  
 This is the grand fulfilment and the prophecy sublime.  
 This is the work on trestle-board for Brethren everywhere,  
 For never was there greater need for level, plumb and square,  
 For trowel with cement of love to strengthen and unite  
 The human race in brotherhood and usher in the Light!  
 To all who aid this glorious work wherever they may be,  
 Here's to the Craft in homeland and here's "Hands across the  
 sea!" "

M.W. Bro. George E. Simonton .....Grand Master.  
 R.W. Bro. Charles H. Jacobson .....Grand Secretary.

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### CONNECTICUT.

124th Annual.

Hartford, Jan. 17th, 1912.

Five Emergent Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. Eleven Past Grand Masters were present

at the opening of Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. Randolph B. Chapman.

The reports of the eight District Deputy Grand Masters were included in the Grand Master's annual address. This is an unusual procedure, but there is no valid reason why the Grand Master may not, if he so wishes, state in his annual report just what his representatives in the various districts, acting under his instructions, have accomplished.

Regarding the chain letter which is being circulated throughout a number of the American Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, the Grand Secretary states.

"There appearing, at the last Annual Communication, some doubt as to the affair, I took upon myself to write directly to Judge William R. Day and received a reply in which he says: 'I certainly have no desire to be in any way connected with a scheme concerning the Masonic fraternity, which the Grand Master, or others in authority in that honorable body regard as a fraud.

"Shortly after President McKinley died, the McKinley National Memorial Association was organized, of which I was elected President, and am still holding that office. Without the authority of the Memorial Association various endless chain schemes were started for the purpose of raising funds for the Memorial to be erected at Canton, Ohio. At a meeting of the Trustees of the Association it was determined to receive these contributions, and place the proceeds in the hands of the Treasurer in aid of the building fund. Quite a considerable sum was received from such sources. The letters were addressed to me at Canton, Ohio, as President of the Association, and forwarded by the Postmaster there to the Treasurer of the Association, Ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland, Ohio.

"The monument is completed and paid for, but we still lack an endowment fund for the care of the Memorial and grounds. Since the completion of the Memorial the endless chain contributions and all others are placed in the endowment fund, which is still insufficient for the purpose desired.

"While as I say, the Association is in no way connected with these endless chain plans, I see no objection to contributions by the Masonic fraternity, of which President McKinley was an honored member, if knowing the facts as I have stated them, that honorable body sees fit to make such contributions.'

"After receipt of this letter a circular was printed and sent out which placed the Craft in a position to do as they saw fit relative to continuing the letters that were sent to them. It is a comforting assurance to know that the amount, though small, is put to proper purpose."

Fraternal relations were recognized between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico

The following statistics were presented by Grand Secretary, Frank W. Havens:

'I have returns from 109 Lodges, and dues from 109. Number initiated, 1,062. Passed, 1,050. Raised, 1,069. Affiliated, 57. Reinstated, 40. Dimitted, 94. Dropped for non-payment of dues, 87. Expelled, 1. Died, 453. Rejected, 297. Total number of members, 23,684. Exempt from Grand Lodge Dues, 4,627. Number subject to Grand Lodge Dues, 19,057. Gain in membership, 520.

One hundred and seven of the 109 Lodges reporting, have done work.

Seventy-nine report a gain.

Twenty-two report a loss.

Eight report neither gain or loss.

The Lodges which have done the largest amount of work are: Hartford, No. 88, 46; St. John's, No. 4, 42; Continental No. 76, 40; Hiram, No. 1, 32; Wooster, No. 79, 31; St. John's, No. 3, 28; Harmony, No. 42, 24.

The Lodges having the largest number of members are Hartford, No. 88, 922; Hiram, No. 1, 866; St. John's, No. 4, 830; Wooster, No. 79, 759; St. John's, No. 3, 624.

Average membership of the 109 Lodges is 217."

The Annual Fee to Grand Lodge for each member is \$1.25, ninety cents of which is appropriated for the purposes of the Masonic Charity Foundation, and thirty-five cents for defraying the expenses of Grand Lodge.

In estimating the membership of each Lodge, all members may be deducted who have been in good standing thirty years.

Each Lodge must remit to the Grand Secretary five dollars for each initiate and affiliate from Sister Jurisdictions.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was prepared by M.W. Bro. Frank W. Havens, Grand Secretary.

M.W. Bro. Justin Holden .....Grand Master.  
M.W. Bro. Frank W. Havens .....Grand Secretary.

## DELAWARE.

107th Annual.

Wilmington, Oct. 2nd, 1912.

M.W. Bro. Woodward, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, accompanied by nearly all his senior officers were welcomed as distinguished visitors at this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. These brethren were present and took part in the dedication ceremonies of the Masonic Home, situated about two miles from the City of Wilmington.

The addresses delivered at this dedication are given in full in the proceedings, which also contains a photo of the Masonic Home, surrounded by stately trees, perhaps centuries old. The whole scene is very home-like and attractive. Congratulations, brethren.

In order to establish a fund for the future maintenance of the Home, this Grand Lodge now requires that all Candidates elected and before receiving the degree of Entered Apprentice, shall pay in addition to the initiation fee, a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) towards the maintenance of the Masonic Home, and that all Masons who shall apply for membership, shall, before signing the By-Laws, be required to pay a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) towards the maintenance of the Masonic Home.

Grand Master Enoch Moore, although sick during part of his tenure of office, visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction and found them increasing numerically and financially.

The death of M.W. Bro. Allmond, the oldest Past Grand Master in the Jurisdiction took place on March 24, 1912. He was laid to rest by the brethren of his own Lodge, assisted by the officers of Grand Lodge.

Under the heading of Decisions, the Grand Master states, that the new code having been distributed, placing before the Brethren the Law in so concise a manner, he has not been called upon to render any decisions this year. This is a condition of affairs devoutly to be wished for by all Grand Lodges.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the Grand Lodges of Porto Rico and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the Grand Master requested to take measures for exchange of representatives with these Grand Lodges.

The Grand Secretary's Report shows that there are twenty-two Lodges; 127 initiated; 134 passed; 177 raised; 8 admitted; 3 reinstated; 15 dimitted; 70 died; 42 suspended; 1 expelled; 122 rejected; present membership 3,285; gain 61.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Harry J. Guthrie, P.G.M. It includes a review of twenty-one proceedings. Alberta is not among the number. Perhaps his concluding note explains this. Better luck next year, brother.

"To our chagrin, at the moment of handing the full text of our review to the printer, at the close of Grand Lodge, we discovered that about one-half of our work, consisting of reviews of many of the early meeting Grand Lodges, was missing, a misfortune for which we cannot account, except that in the refurnishing and rearranging of our library, the papers were inadvertently gathered with discarded reports and papers and thrown out to be burned. We have endeavored to replace the missing work, but it is too great a task to hope to accomplish, very much to our regret. We ask the **pardon** of our brethren at home and abroad, promising to give a double-header next year."

M.W. Bro. Edward G. Walls .....Grand Master  
 R.W. Bro. Virginius V. Harrison .....Grand Secretary.

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#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

102nd Annual.

Washington, Dec. 18, 1912.

One special and three stated Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. The special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new University Club Building, in the City of Washington. Bro. William Howard Taft, President of the United States was present and briefly addressed the assemblage.

Grand Master Murch, in his annual address, describes the condition of the Craft in the District of Columbia in these words:

"As at the close of another year we consider the condition of the Craft in this Jurisdiction, we have a right to feelings of satisfaction and pride; not the pride of arrogance, nor the satisfaction that deadens ambition and progress; but the pride that comes from the joy of accomplishment, and the grateful satisfaction that should follow the bountiful blessings of a benevolent Providence. No catastrophe has devastated our city, no epidemic has decimated our number. From fire, pestilence, and the sword we have been free. A spirit of good fellowship and comity has characterized the relations of the



Lodges with one another, and the spirit of Masonry has permeated the mutual intercourse of the brethren. Only one brother has been suspended for conduct unbecoming a Mason. The Grievance Committee has had no work to do. One case, and only one, of a misunderstanding between brothers was brought to my attention. A conference of the interested parties with the Grand Secretary and myself resulted in an amicable settlement of the differences, and demonstrated the power of Masonic principles to control the sober actions of men.

"Our net increase in membership from October 1, 1911, to September 30, 1912, was 206. The fact, that 88 in that time failed to pass the ballot test, shows that while we welcome to our Order good men and true, we at the same time keep careful watch and ward at our entrance gate. There has been, during the year, a substantial increase in the cash balances and net assets of the Lodges. As an Order we have made material and Masonic progress. Our today is better than yesterday, and our earnest prayers and well-founded hopes are that our tomorrow shall be better than today. Our prayers will avail, our hopes end in fruition, if we live up to the vows we have taken, remain true to the faith that is in us."

A special effort is being made by the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction to raise sufficient money to complete their Masonic Home free from debt. They now have ten acres of ground, a building that accomodates about eighteen guests, the necessary outbuildings, and \$13,000 cash in the Building Fund. They propose to raise the remaining \$37,000 necessary to complete adequate buildings, by asking the members of each Lodge to contribute an average of \$3.00 each for that purpose. With the aid of the 3,000 members of the Eastern Star Chapters they hope to accomplish this most praiseworthy task. We wish them Godspeed.

A petition of fifty brethren for a charter to form a new Lodge in the vicinity of Langdon, D.C. was granted.

The Annual salary of Grand Secretary Johnston was increased from \$1,200 to \$1,600.

Past Grand Master George W. Baird presented the following resolution, which was, by his own request, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia hereby elects to honorary membership Brother Robert Freke Gould, Past Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, and Brother W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

"It has been the custom in the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland for many years to elect to honorary membership, with Past Grand Rank, the very distinguished Masons of other Jurisdictions, and that admirable custom is now being extended to this side of the Atlantic Ocean. The Grand Lodge of Iowa and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia have already elected Right Worshipful Brother Crawley to honorary membership with the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden.

"It is a custom which conveys an unusual compliment, promotes Masonic friendship, honors very distinguished Masons and brings us closer together.

"These two distinguished Masons are central figures in the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, at London, where Masonic research has made such progress. They are, I verily believe, the two most distinguished and learned Freemasons extant."

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence does not contain any reference to this resolution. Possibly it was laid over for further consideration. It would be a very fitting and gracious courtesy on the part of the Brethren of the District of Columbia to adopt this resolution.

There are 33 Lodges in the District of Columbia, having a total membership of 9,319, a net gain of 231 during the year.

The report on correspondence is by past Grand Master Geo. W. Baird. It is an interesting review. We hope that he will include Alberta in his next annual report. We concur with him when he states, that more care should be exercised as to what is included in the reports of the Committees on Grievances and Appeals of several Grand Lodges.

M.W. Bro. Charles E. Baldwin .....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Arvine W. Johnston .....Grand Secretary.

## FLORIDA.

83rd Annual.

Jacksonville, Jan. 16th, 1912.

A photograph of Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, Grand Master adorns the front page of the proceedings. Seven Past Grand Masters were present at the opening ceremonies of Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. R. Harry Cooper, Grand Representative of Alberta was also present.

Six Lodges were constituted by the D.D.G.M. of the district to which the Lodge was assigned.

Eleven dispensations were issued to form new Lodges, and five dispensations to lay the corner-stones of public buildings. Dispensations were also granted to seven Lodges to publicly instal their officers. Why this departure from the almost universal custom of installing in private?

#### Decisions and Rulings of Grand Master Gilchrist:

"1. A brother had been suspended for non-payment of dues. After paying the same, a vote was taken upon his reinstatement. There being some black ballots, the white predominating, he was declared rejected. Ruling W.M. was in error, and the brother was ordered reinstated. He was directed to have the minutes of the Lodge to show this result. ,

"7. A petition for initiation having been balloted on, the petitioner declined to take the degree and wished his money refunded. What disposition should we make of it? Decision: Section 14 of Article 10 of the Constitution: 'And a petition thus presented cannot be withdrawn but must be acted upon.' sequently his fee is the property of the Lodge. Under Resolution 210, the fee is the property of the Lodge. Under Resolution 210, the fee could be returned as a donation or gift.

"8. A dispensation was granted to a Lodge to ballot and confer the M.M. degree upon a Brother F. C. short of time. Will the Lodge be required to pay for the dispensation, the same not having been used? Decision: Under Resolution 180 'a fee of \$10 shall be charged for dispensation to confer degrees, waiving time.' The Lodge should pay for the dispensation.

"9. Application for membership was made by two Syrians who resided one year in Florida—naturalized. Can read and talk English and write some. I was requested to state, if I knew of any reason why they should be excluded from membership. Answer: No.

"12. After conferring degree by courtesy on a brother of a foreign jurisdiction, the Lodge should not notify the Lodge of which the brother is a member, but should notify the Grand Master, who will notify the Grand Master of that particular Grand Jurisdiction. 'All inter-Jurisdictional Communications sent through Grand Masters, page 48, proceedings of 1910.'

"13. An application for affiliation was rejected. A motion was carried that the application be given further consideration at a future meeting. The party, making the application, requested that no further action be taken. Does a Lodge have

a right to give it further consideration over his objection? Would he be entitled to the return of his application fee? Decision: This appears to have been a motion for the reconsideration of a dark ballot. Res. 49. "A motion to reconsider a dark ballot cannot be entertained." Res. 334. "When a petition is refused, the fee must be returned." If a party has taken the first degree, if a black ball or two should be cast against him at the balloting for another degree, would that debar him from membership in the Lodge? Ruling: He is an E. A. Mason. The ballot for the other degrees must be unanimous."

The following resolution was offered by the special Committee on "Current Masonic Relief," which was received and adopted:

"RESOLVED, That hereafter, all charitable appeals for aid, of the character made through endorsement of the Grand Master, to the particular Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be made to the Masonic Relief Committee, of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Florida, to be appointed by the Grand Master.

"That all such appeals for aid shall be considered, determined, and such relief administered as they may consider proper, or the Grand Lodge or its authority direct.

"That the senior member in point of service, in said Committee, shall be its chairman to whom shall be sent all such appeals, and who shall during such chairmanship, call and cause to be held, all necessary meetings for the proper consideration and determination thereof.

"Said Committee shall consist of three members of this Grand Lodge, and shall be appointed as follows: The first of said Committee shall be composed of one member to be appointed for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, who shall be chairman for the term of one year; thereafter, one of said Committee shall be appointed for the term of three years, at each annual session of this Grand Lodge.

"Said Committee shall make full report of their acts at each annual session of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge of Florida makes this provision whereby a Lodge U. D. may affiliate members:

"Lodges U.D. cannot affiliate members, but if it is the unanimous desire of all members present at a regular meeting of the U.D. Lodge, the name of a brother may be added to error and the brother was ordered reinstated. He was directed

its roll of members, with the consent of the W.M. Grand Master."

A Master Mason, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida now residing in Argentine, asked for information as to the manner of establishing a Lodge there. This was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, who reported that although there is no sovereign Grand Lodge in that country, having jurisdiction over the three degrees of ancient craft masonry, and although the masonic bodies of that country have not been recognized by this Grand Lodge, they recommended that the request for a charter for a Lodge to be located in that country be denied.

This Grand Lodge has steadily refrained from the granting of charters for Lodges to be located in countries outside of the immediate jurisdiction of Florida.

Although some of the Grand Lodges of America, notably those of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and California have lodges located in distant countries, the Grand Lodge of Florida has not deemed it prudent, or best to grant charters to Lodges removed so far from the home of the Grand Lodge. This Committee did not deem it expedient to break this long-established rule.

Number of Lodges on Roll, 206.

Present membership, 10,131.

Net increase, 627.

M.W. Bro. Albert W. Gilchrist ..... Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Wilber P. Webster ..... Grand Secretary.

## GEORGIA.

126th Annual.

Macon, Oct. 29th, 1912.

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia was held in the City Auditorium, in the City of Macon, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, October 29, A.L. 5912.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form on the Master's Degree, and with prayer by A. D. Echols, Grand Chaplain.

M.W. Bro. George M. Napier, Grand Master, in the introductory paragraphs of his admirable address says:

"Lying upon a purple velvet cushion in a glass case in the Imperial Museum at Constantinople, may be seen a delicately molded tongue of gold. It was found in a layer of ruins at Gezer, supposed to be ancient Jericho.

"This silent 'tongue' yet tells to us a story. It tells of an age when gold was abundant in the land, for only where the precious metals are plentiful are they used in large quantities. There was a time when Solomon 'made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones.' This 'tongue of gold,' containing one thousand dollars' worth of the precious metal, tells of 'big business' in the land of Palestine.

"This 'tongue of gold' is supposed to be the 'wedge of gold' which Archan took and hid, and for which sin he was condignly punished. The 'tongue of gold' then tells of the 'root' of many evils—it warns us of cupidity and graft. It also speaks of the end—the dreadful end—of a city and nation, whose only monument is the ruins of Jericho, snuggling up under the cliffs of Benjamin, from under which a spring, called the fountain of Elisha, bursts boldly, and sends its babbling waters down into the plain. In telling of the decadence and fall of Jericho and the cities of the plain, the 'tongue of gold' grows eloquent. It tells of the time when its nation was poor and virtuous, then prosperous and virile—two ascending stages; then of a time when the nation became rich and arrogant, luxurious and pusillanimous—two descending stages!

"In our own country today we have made the ascent of the two first stages, which has marked every civilization. Are we about to begin the descent by the other historic stages? Let the 'tongue of gold' from ancient Jericho warn us of the danger of arrogance and luxury! Let the teachings of Masonry serve to keep our great country in the ways of simplicity, and truth, humility and civic righteousness!"

Regarding the care that should be exercised in the selection of hymns, &c., for use in our Lodge rooms, Grand Master Napier says:

"More than once this year the question has been submitted to me, 'Should songs or prayers containing any sectarian references be used in a Masonic Lodge, where one or more Members might be of a different religion, or whose feelings might be in any way offended?' No, not under any circumstances. A distinguishing characteristic of Masonry is its freedom of thought. The Fatherhood of God must be acknowledged, but absolute freedom of conscience in worshipping

God must be accorded to every Mason. And in a Masonic Lodge, no word or reference, in song or prayer, or speech, should ever be made about religion or worship, that might wound the feelings of even the most sensitive Brother. In their churches every religion and every creed can employ the songs and prayers deemed most acceptable. But in a Masonic Lodge, the language used in our worship should be such that every Mason present—be he Mahommedan, Buddhist, Shintoist, Zoroastrian, Schythian, Greek, Jew or Christian—can join with equal devotion and freedom in worship to the Great Architect of the Universe. One of the landmarks of its long history, one of the potent factors in the influence of Masonry, is Tolerance. We must not undertake to foist our individual predilections in religious matters upon our Brethren, of whatever faith or order. Let our Lodges avoid the least appearance of sectarianism. Ours is a Brotherhood, and we 'should eat no meat if it cause our Brother to offend.' There are beautiful prayers and uplifting hymns in which all nations and all creeds and all tongues may unite in common worship. Let these our tongues employ while on the checkered floor of a Masonic Lodge."

We have always thought it wiser to render assistance to our needy Brethren and their dependents in their own homes and among the friends of former years, than to have them transferred to a Home during the closing days of their life, and are pleased to note that Grand Master Napier is of the same opinion. He says:

"I am constrained to repeat the recommendation, which I made to the Grand Lodge, at its last Communication, to the effect that it would be the part of wisdom for us to contribute to the maintenance of aged, indigent Masons, their wives, and widows, in the locality where they have friends, and acquaintances, where they have lived for many years, rather than maintain them in the Home. The per capita expense of maintenance in the Home is about \$190 per year, and even one-half of this sum, with an equal contribution from the local Lodge to the beneficiary, would as a rule, make the aged recipients of our bounty better off in the home of some relative or friend than in the Masonic Home."

The opening and closing parts of the Grand Master's address were delivered orally in thirty-five minutes, after which copies of the entire address were distributed to the delegates.

Many other Grand Masters might profit by the wisdom displayed by Grand Master Napier in this regard.

He concluded his address with these beautiful lines:

“‘O! World-God, give me wealth!’ the Egyptian cried.  
His prayer was granted; high as Heaven behold  
Palace and pyramid. The brimming tide of lavish Nile  
Washed all his land with gold.  
Armies of slaves toiled ant-wise at his feet;  
World-circling traffic roared through mart and street.  
His priests were gods, his spice-balmed kings enshrined  
Set death at nought, in rock-ribbed channels deep.  
Seek Pharaoh’s race to-day, and you shall find  
Rust and the moth, silence and dusty deep.

“‘O! World-God, give me beauty!’ cried the Greek.  
His prayer was granted. All the earth became  
Plastic and vocal to his sense; each peak,  
Each grove, quick with promethean flame.  
Peopled the world with imaged grace and light.  
The lyre was his, and his the breathing might  
Of the immortal marbles—his the play  
Of diamond-pointed thought and golden tongue.  
Go seek the sunshine race. Ye find to-day  
A broken column and a lute unstrung.

“‘O! World-God, give me power!’ the Roman cried.  
His prayer was granted. The vast world was chained.  
A captive to the chariot of his pride  
The blood of myriad provinces was drained  
To feed that fierce, insatiate red heart,  
Invulnerably bulwarked every part,  
With serried legions and with close-meshed code  
Within the burrowing worm has gnawed his home—  
A roofless ruin stands where once abode  
The imperial race of everlasting Rome.”

“‘O! World-God, give me love!’ the Mason cried.  
His prayer was granted. He became  
The symbol of charity, a pilgrim far and wide;  
Endeared, welcomed, hailed through all the earth.  
The Pharaohs knew him as his compass set the base of pyramid.  
He outlives the beauty of the Greek, the might of ancient Rome;  
For charity survives, while wanes unstable wealth and power.  
Seek ye the Mason? Ye find to-day in every land.  
No fire consumes him, neither floods devour—  
Immortal, he holds the lamp of love within his hand!”

Jewels of Honor were presented to two faithful brethren who had been in attendance on the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge for thirty consecutive years.



The following report, which fully explains the case in question, was submitted and adopted:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Brethren: At the last Annual Communication of this Grand Body there was brought before it, a then recent action of a subordinate Lodge, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to the effect that it had initiated one, Jack Johnson, a negro pugilist. It was suggested at that time that fraternal relations be severed with this Grand Lodge, but upon request of its Grand Representative, action was postponed until this session, and he was instructed to find out the status of the affair. Immediately upon the adjournment of the last Grand Communication, I wrote to David Reid, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, stating the case and asking an explanation. I immediately received an answer from him to the effect that the offending Lodge had been cited to appear before the Grand Committee. Some months afterwards I received a marked copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, setting forth the following facts: That a Lodge situated in Ayreshire did initiate only the said Jack Johnson, and that it had been done over the protest of certain members of the Lodge; that the Grand Committee had acted upon the case, had suspended the Master and four Past Masters until January 1, 1914, had arrested the charter of the Lodge until the same date, and had sent the Grand Marshal to take charge of its property. It would therefore appear that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has made all amends possible in the premises, and that there is not any reason for disturbing the very amicable relations that have always existed between that Grand Jurisdiction and our own.

Fraternally submitted,

Joseph C. Greenfield."

The total number of subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is 634. Number of charters granted during the year, 16.

Membership in 1912, 36,806.

Net gain in membership, 1,483.

Bro. Charles L. Bass is Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee. His report covers 135 pages and is a very interesting one. We searched in vain for Alberta among the list of 52 proceedings reviewed by him.

M.W. Bro. Robert L. Colding .....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. A. Wolihin .....Grand Secretary.

## IDAHO.

45th Annual.

Boise, Sept. 10, 1912.

On the first page of the proceedings we read this significant instruction to subordinate Lodge officers, and commend its adoption by other Grand Lodges:

"Ordered that the Worshipful Masters shall read the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or cause the same to be read to their respective Lodges, within three months from the receipt thereof, which fact the Secretaries are required to report to the Grand Secretary forthwith under the seal of the Lodge."

The proceedings of Grand Lodge are in many cases the only source of information available by the average member, but if carefully read will give him a full account of what has transpired in his own Grand Lodge and a brief account of what is taking place in other Grand Lodges throughout the world. Let knowledge grow from more to more, until Masons everywhere are united bands of true, loyal brethren, linked together by the indivisible chain of sincere affection, fidelity and truth.

R.W. Bro. Abel Cook, Chief Commissioner of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of New York was a visitor to the Grand Lodge of Idaho. He was received with Grand Honors and entertained the brethren with a very instructive address.

Owing to sickness in the family, Grand Master Bowman was unable to visit many Lodges during his tenure of office. He found an excellent Masonic spirit existing among those which he visited.

The trustees of the Orphan and Indigent Fund paid out to needy Masons and their dependents \$2,668 and loaned on mortgage at eight per cent. per annum \$17,100. This is an exceedingly creditable record for a Grand Lodge with a total membership of 3,844.

The Committee appointed to consider the proposition of establishing a Masonic Home in Idaho, recommended that immediate steps be taken to establish the proposed Home, and that a Committee be appointed by Grand Lodge with authority to start the work at once. They also recommended that the sum of \$25,000 now in the hands of the Trustees of the Widows, Orphans and Indigent Masons' Fund be set apart for this purpose and loaned Grand Lodge without interest. We hope that the brethren of Idaho will be able to record in their next Grand Lodge proceed-

ings, the fact that the corner stone of this institution has been laid and that the building is in process of erection.

The address delivered by Grand Orator Bro. Francis Jenkins is an excellent one. We wish our readers to have the benefit of reading it in full, and have therefore taken the liberty of quoting it, just as it appeared in the proceedings:

"The Masonic fraternity has its own code of ethics. In that respect it stands alone and is unlike any other society known to me. All other fraternities without exception solicit their members, but it is not so with Masonry. Soliciting members for a Masonic Lodge is not only prohibitive but it is considered a serious Masonic offence. That being true, the questions naturally arise:

"How does it come that this great order is able to keep up its numbers?"

"Under such restrictions how then is it possible for it to live?

"Why has it not perished from the earth?

"What influence is there at work to cause men to apply and seek fellowship in this the oldest, the greatest, and the grandest of all institutions?

"I might answer that the reasons are as many and as varied as we are different in our natures, impulses, desires and ambitions. I ask your indulgence should I fail to answer satisfactory these natural and seemingly rational questions. I shall endeavor, however, in a small way at least, to throw some light on the forces that are at work to keep alive, and to perpetuate the fires kindled centuries ago upon the Holy Altar of Freemasonry.

"The insatiable desire to penetrate the mystic halo which surrounds Freemasonry, to move aside the mysterious veil, to enter and view with delight the mystic splendors of Masonry is one of the strong elements that urges the applicant to knock for admission at the door of our ancient and honorable fraternity. I very much doubt whether there is any one within the sound of my voice, who will not find, if he searches well his innermost self, that the desire which prompted him to petition for membership was, at least to a small degree, a selfish one. But lo and behold! When the Marshal comes out to the preparation room and propounds the usual interrogatories, the candidate's mind is at once and forever disabused, for right there and then he receives his first lesson in Masonry; That this fraternity is purely unselfish in its aims; that it is builded not for the benefit of the individual applicant or in-

dividual members, but it is the haven for all good men and true who are really desirous of knowledge and who have a sincere wish to be serviceable to their fellow creatures.

“‘As the slightest touch of the chalk will leave a trace behind,’ so do bad or good associates leave a bad or good imprint upon the character. Evil companions often cause one to forget the just responsibility one owes to God, country, and its laws, thereby breeding and indulging in vicious, depraved and licentious habits; while with good and noble associates one is buoyed up to rectitude of conduct, higher and nobler ideals, which spur all good men to greater achievements; such is the standard expected of the true votary of Masonry. Ask any profane in any town where a Masonic Lodge is situated his opinion of Freemasonry, he will answer without any hesitation that the members of the Masonic order are counted among the best of all communities.

“We need no better evidence of the truth of this principle than to witness continually among us these venerable patriarchs who have steadily been ‘hewers on the mountains and have wrought in the quarries’ for thirty, thirty-five, forty, and some of them over fifty years. Still they are not the least bit weary in well doing, because the work of Freemasonry never grows stale with them. The zeal they have for our institution, laboring steadfastly for the good of others, is indeed an inspiration and worthy of emulation by all Masons. To the younger and coming generations it is a ‘load-stone,’ if you will, drawing to us good men in sufficient numbers to insure the continuance of the good work.

“That we may today, with your consent, penetrate the mystic past in a cursory manner, I ask you to go way back with me to where we have the first trace of man. Then let us go back and back some more, until we find man just emerging from the obscure misty darkness of ignorance, when he was endowed with the first ray of intelligence. The thing that attracted primeval man first and most was the sun. On discovering that the Sun was the source of the light and the heat which gave life and growth to all things that give substance to life, primeval man stood in amazement marvelling at the miraculous phenomenon. He was struck with awe, and falling upon his face, worshiped the Sun.

“At this point in the intellectual development of the human race, they began to congregate for the purpose of worship and to exchange ideas for their own advancement and mutual protection. Man, being observing, and naturally of an inventive genius, discovered that long before the Sun would appear

above the horizon its bright rays would shine first on the high mountain tops, next upon the tree tops. Man taking this as a sure sign of the returning of the Sun fell and worshipped on the appearance of the first rays.

"Along the plains of the Nile we find that man, in order to anticipate and receive signs of the returning Sun through the portals of the Eastern sky, erected tall obelisks around which the masses congregated ready to worship at the appearance of the Sun rays upon the tops of the obelisks. Following man along the path of his development and civilization, the next great and important stride he has made is the building of a temple for worship. This temple was situated due East and West with its main and possibly the only portal, facing to the East. An Altar was placed near the center of the temple on which was arranged a fagot, a bundle of dry twigs. On the first morning of the day after this primeval house of worship had been finished there came people from all corners of the then known world to worship at this great shrine. When the Sun arose above the horizon to such an angle as to permit its radiant beams to shine upon the altar the vast multitude fell on their faces and worshipped. And to the great wonder and astonishment of the vast throng, on rising to their feet they beheld the fagot of twigs kindled into a living fire to be kept thereafter perpetually alive by the devout.

"Moses, after being instrumental in delivering the Children of Israel through the Red Sea, when pursued by the tyrant King Pharaoh and his hosts, by Divine command erected a tabernacle which he placed due east and west, to commemorate the miraculous east wind by which their mighty deliverance was wrought." The portal of this tented tabernacle fronted the east, and in the center of the building was placed the Ark of the Covenant at a point where the rays of the Sun on its arrival above the horizon would shine upon it.

"Though the Jewish people retained many features of the pagan rites, yet they were not idolaters. The Hebrews worshipped the One unseen, the ever-living Jehovah. So that while the Jewish people worshipped none other than the Almighty God, they prospered, increased in power, riches and glory. The Almighty interposed miraculously in their behalf on the banks of the Red Sea, in the wilderness, and on many a battlefield. We now arrive at that period in the Jewish History when David ruled God's people, when the splendor and fame of their chief city, Jerusalem, had reached far and wide. King David conceived the idea of building a house to the Almighty God, yet his ideas and desires were never per-

mitted to be crystallized into actual plans due to his reign being one of many wars and much bloodshed. However, he raised a son who was equal to the occasion and able to accomplish the building of the Temple. When Solomon ascended the throne, peace and tranquility pervaded the whole world.

"As the Jews were not skilled builders, capable of building such a temple as was decreed in the wisdom and council of Deity aforetime, King Solomon sent couriers with friendly messages of good will to his neighbor and brother, King of Tyre, with the result that Hiram, King of Tyre, furnished a very eminent and renowned architect, who came to Jerusalem, and after due arrangements and negotiations, builded King Solomon's Temple until near its completion.

"This temple was also placed due east and west, with its main portal facing to the east, and the same Ark of the Covenant was placed in the center thereof, where the Sun-beams would light upon it. Masonic tradition informs us that King Solomon and the High Priests, together with a great multitude of people, assembled to dedicate this wonderful temple to the Almighty God. And they prayed, appealing to the Great Jehovah to show His approval by sending down fire from Heaven to kindle the fagots placed upon the Holy Altar, and God saw fit to answer their fervent prayers by causing fire to descend from Heaven upon the Altar. The Temple's large dome was burnished with gold so that when the Sun shone upon it its brilliance almost blinded the eyes of those gazing upon it.

"As civilization advanced through the countries known in our day as Europe, the builders or operative masons also advanced, and erected many famous edifices. This guild of operative masons became, during the middle ages very powerful. They ruled and governed all buildings of note so that none but members of the guild were permitted to work upon any edifice requiring skill and ingenuity. Cowans were masons that builded small dwellings and dry walls having neither mortar nor cement, and were not permitted to even visit an edifice under construction by the Guild, let alone being employed. Cowans were treated with scorn and hatred, somewhat as scabs are in our day treated by trade unions. Thus it was when this great Guild of operative masons arrived in England where they builded many splendid and magnificent edifices, some of which are still standing intact.

"Some four hundred years ago the operative Guild was transformed into Speculative Masonry, a moral progressive philosophy, carrying with it tools and implements used by the ancient operative Guild. Skillfully handled by the specu-

lative mason, the order has become a highly moral progressive science.

'As the Jews borrowed ideas from the early Sun worshippers, such as building their grand edifices due east and west with main portals facing to the east, with the altar and Ark of the Covenant therein, so we see the relics of paganism applied to Christianity. The high and tall church spire piercing the sky, mounted with a cross, high towers upon temples of learning, great domes upon synagogues and capital buildings, burnished with silver and gold, are relics of architecture handed down to us from the great distant, misty past of the early Sun Worshipers. So that even now in our day no problem is as vexing to an architect as that of drawing designs for a great temple, synagogue or church, whose building site will not permit the main entrance to face the east. All of these things point with unerring aim to the antiquity of our fraternity.

"Masonic Lodges are or ought to be, due east and west. The Worshipful Master stationed in the east is emblematical of this great illuminary which gives out freely, heat, light and life. The Master is chosen by his brethren for no other reason than that he has been found worthy and fully capable of shedding upon his Lodge and brethren freely, the light with which God has endowed him. On our Altar shine the great lights which are given to the Mason as the rule and guide of his faith.

"Our institution is builded upon a foundation as broad as humanity and is as enduring as the human race. The indissoluble cabletow of affection which binds Masonry together, is equal in breadth to that of the Universe and in length to the circumference of the world. It has been welded in the fiery furnace of trial, forged and fashioned upon the hard anvil of time and although the weight of centuries has been suspended from it, yet not a single strand shows a strain.

"The work of art, whether it be wrought upon canvas, carved into marble, erected into tall shafts like monuments, builded into grand temples, towers or cathedrals, will all crumble into dust and pass away, yet Masonry notwithstanding will still survive, live and go on until time unveils eternity."

The Correspondence report was written by Bro. George E. Knepper and is an interesting document. One page is devoted to a review of Alberta, 1911.

M.W. Bro. Ezra A. Burrell .....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. T. W. Randall .....Grand Secretary.

## ILLINOIS.

73rd Annual.

Chicago, Oct. 8th, 1912

The Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, Grand Master. In his annual address he made the following statement with regard to the state of the fraternity in Illinois:

"It is with satisfaction and pride that I report to you the flattering condition of the craft in Illinois. While we have instituted but eight new Lodges during the year, this comparatively small number is due to the fact that no dispensations were granted, except where it was clearly shown that the best interests of the fraternity demanded a Lodge.

"Our growth in the last ten years has been almost phenomenal. In 1902, the Grand Lodge of Illinois comprised 724 chartered Lodges with a total membership of 63,034. The net gain for that year was 3,367; the report which the Grand Secretary will make to you this year shows that we have 807 Lodges, with a membership in round numbers of 115,000, a gain for the year of approximately 7,000. From this, it will be seen that at the present rate of increase it will be but a few years until the Grand Lodge of Illinois will number 150,000 good and true men, the flower of Illinois manhood. Who can estimate the power for good of this great body of men standing shoulder to shoulder in a righteous cause? Does anyone dare say that the Lodges in Illinois may not become moral foci from which may radiate great influences for good in every community?

"Ten years ago we had no organized charities; Today we can refer to two splendid institutions, proving conclusively that the much boasted doctrine of brotherhood has found permanent expression among the Masons of this great State. As evidence of our material prosperity, I call your attention to the fact that all over the State splendid buildings are being erected in which to enshrine the principles of Freemasonry. During the year structures have been consecrated to masonic uses, which have cost in the aggregate, over one-half million dollars, a fact which testifies to the permanence of our fraternity."

Grand Master Darrah is to be congratulated on having clearly defined the duties of his Deputies and insisting upon their being responsible for the inspection of the work in their respective districts. It is the only practical way in which a Grand Master



can get in touch with all the lodges in such an extensive jurisdiction.

Charters were issued to twenty-two Lodges. Eight dispensations for new Lodges were granted; Eight Masonic halls were dedicated; the corner stones of five Masonic Temples, two court houses and two high school buildings were laid during the year.

We are pleased to note that Grand Master Darrah refused to grant dispensations to ballot for, and confer the first degree in less than the lawful time, simply because the petitioner was going to move away. Such a request is always open to question and should be discouraged.

•He also justly condemns the habit of smoking during Lodge sessions. The Master of a Lodge who permits it should be reprimanded.

Under the heading of "Discipline" the Grand Master states:

"But few infractions of law requiring disciplinary proceedings have come to my notice. One case, however, I desire to report. Early in the spring, my attention was called to the fact that three members of a Lodge in southern Illinois had participated in the Masonic burial of a negro. An investigation was instituted, and it was found that a Past Master, a Past Senior Warden and a member of the Lodge had assisted in the funeral ceremonies of a negro Mason in the capacity of pall bearers, and had worn the regalia of the clandestine organization. They justified their conduct upon the ground that the negroes being short of help had importuned them. I ordered the Lodge to prefer charges against the three offenders, which was done, with the result that the Past Master was expelled, and his two companions were sentenced to definite suspension for one year."

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"William Booth once said that he found church choirs infested with three devils; the flirting devil, the dressing devil, and the quarrelling devil. We are not bothered in Masonry very much with the flirting devil, but many of our Past Grand Master know from experience, that we have a few of the quarrelling devils, and all of us know that we have some dressing devils. But to my mind the worst devil in Masonry is the black balling devil. During the year this misguided brother has given me my full share of trouble. I have never been able to understand just why the good work of fifty men should be set at naught by one man, who proposes to disable the Lodge, simply because he has never learned, that Masonic lesson of 'who best can work and best agree,' and at the same time, be allowed to keep up his nefarious work year in and year

out. In each case which has been reported to me, I have made a thorough investigation of existing conditions, and where I found that a brother was using the black ball to disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge, I served him with notice, that unless he ceased his pernicious activity, charges would at once be preferred against him. I am pleased to report that in every instance the offender has promised to be good, and the Lodges involved are now happily at labor fulfilling their true mission in Masonry. It is puerile and foolish to allow one man to break up a Lodge simply because he is permitted to entrench himself behind a law which was never framed for his benefit and which says, that the reason for casting a black ball, cannot be inquired into. We have been entirely too lenient in times past with offenders of this sort, and whenever it shall become known that lodges will not tolerate an abuse of the black ball, much of the trouble arising from this source will be at an end."

The Book of Ceremonials was revised by a Special Committee; their report was adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Committee, to whom were referred certain portions of the Grand Master's address, conclude their report with these words:

"Your Committee fully approve of the suggestions of the Grand Master on the subject of intellectual Masonry. The efforts of the Grand Master during the past year to extend somewhat the scope of instruction at the state schools were productive of some good. It was wholly an experiment and the object sought may be more nearly attained by further experience. To understand our ritual, to appreciate its surprising beauty, and to comprehend the meaning of its profound symbolism, is equally as important as to be able to repeat it correctly. To understand is perhaps of even greater importance than merely to remember. But to understand and grasp the hidden meaning of the symbolism by which Masonic knowledge is so largely conveyed, will in no measure result in lessening ritualistic proficiency, but will inevitably result in stimulating interest, and thus increasing the standard of proficiency attained by our ritualists. Men, who are made Masons, should be given ample time to arrive at a full realization of the beauties of Masonry, as taught by its allegories and symbols. They should not be hurried through the degrees as though to finish were the real object; and to obtain a large number of degrees were more important than to understand and comprehend the wonderful system of philosophy intended to be taught by the symbolism of Freemasonry.

"We, therefore, recommend the approval of the efforts of the Grand Master to broaden and extend the scope of Masonic instruction to the end that there be not only more good ritualists, but more Masons who know what our ritual means, and who are willing to display its teachings in their daily lives and conduct."

The following resolution was adopted by Grand Lodge:

"RESOLVED, That in the future the biographical data and reference to the distinguished dead of our sister Grand Jurisdictions as set forth in the report, of the Committee on Obituaries, be received, and printed in the proceedings without reading."

The By-Laws of Grand Lodge were amended to include the following section:

"There shall be provided by the Grand Secretary a form of receipt for dues to be used by all Lodges. One side of this receipt shall show the name and number of the Lodge of which the brother is a member, and the date to which his dues are paid. On the other side there shall be the certificate of the Grand Secretary, that the Lodge, of which the brother is a member, is a regular chartered Lodge of Illinois. This certificate shall be attested by a fac-simile of the seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signature of the Grand Secretary both printed thereon."

The Grand Lodge proceedings are very complete and reflect great credit on the Grand Secretary.

The Foreign Correspondence Report, which covers 225 pages, was prepared by M.W. Bro. Owen Scott. His work is of a high order, and interesting throughout. Our only regret is that Alberta was not included on his list.

M.W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah ..... Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Isaac Cutter ..... Grand Secretary.

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## INDIANA.

91st Annual.

Indianapolis, May 28, 1912.

As a preliminary to the regular work of Grand Lodge, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday May 28th, in accordance with the usual custom,

an hour was devoted to a very pleasing program. Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Master. The program consisted of a solo, duet and two brief addresses. One of the addresses is printed in full in the proceedings. An earnest appeal is made for Universal Brotherhood. The speaker concludes his interesting address with this story:

"Some years ago on the western coast of Scotland, occurred one of the worst storms in the history of that section. The storm raged all night with wild and relentless fury, and as the morning broke dull and gray, the storm ceased not its fearful warfare. The villagers arose and commenced their daily tasks, in fear and trembling. Suddenly the boom of a cannon was heard. Everybody hastened to the beach for they knew it was a signal of distress. Then they looked out upon the mountain of rolling waves and far out they could faintly see the masts of a vessel, as it was seemingly, beating itself to pieces upon the rocks. The call came for the life boat crew. It quickly gathered. They looked around for their captain, MacGregor. He could not be found. Finally, the second in command ordered the crew into the boat, pushed the frail craft into the angry waters, and the boat was soon lost to view. A half hour went by, and the anxious watchers, on shore, were rewarded by seeing the boat reach the shore and grate upon the beach. As the people gathered about the rescued and the rescuers, some one asked, 'Did you get them all?' The answer was, 'We got them all but one. That poor fellow was frozen to the mast. Our boat was in danger of being swamped any moment and so we left him.' Just then a giant sailor stalked forward and said, 'Well, he is worth saving; we will go after him.' It was MacGregor, the captain. Some one touched him on the hem of his great coat, and looking around, he saw that it was his aged mother. With tears streaming down her face she said to her boy, 'O John, don't go out there this time. This is the anniversary of your father's death. He died on just such a mission. Your brother Jim left our little home seven years ago, to be a sailor lad. We haven't heard from him since, and doubtless he has met a similar fate. You are my only comfort, my only aid. Please stay with me.' With his own voice choked with emotion, MacGregor said to his mother as he put his great strong hand upon her frail shoulders, and looked down upon her care-worn face, 'Mother, it is my duty to go out there. If I am lost, God will take care of you.' And without another word he kissed his mother, silently directed his men to the boat and it was again pushed into the struggling waters. A half hour went by and no sign of the boat's return. Three

quarters of an hour and still no boat. An hour and the men shook their heads and the women commenced to cry. An hour and a quarter and all hope seemed gone, when suddenly the faint outline of a boat was seen in the midst of the mist and rain. Then they watched it as it gradually grew nearer, sometimes lost to sight because of the waves, sometimes in clear view, because it stood on the crest of a wave. A little nearer and they could see that it was the life boat that had left the shore an hour and a half before. Nearer and nearer it came, fighting for its life with the storm. Those on shore could see a man standing up in the prow and finally they could see it was the giant captain. Then as the boat got within hailing distance, they shouted out to the man in the boat, 'Did you get him?' Then they could see MacGregor reach out over the prow, put his hands to his mouth so that his voice would carry, and then he shouted back this message, 'We got him, and tell mother it was brother Jim.'

"Do you want to safeguard all that is near and dear to you? Do you want friends in times of trouble or sickness or sorrow? Do you want the bonds of fraternity about those whom you cherish to shield and shelter and protect them when the clouds shall rattle upon your last earthly tabernacle? Then fulfil the law of love and make your life a life of service and a life of sacrifice.

"Our lives are songs and may we so sing them that the melodies of faith, of fraternity and of love, will make the world know that we are indeed Masons."

Fifteen Past Grand Masters occupied seats in the Grand East at the opening ceremonies of Grand Lodge.

Only six out of 539 chartered lodges were not represented at this Annual Convocation.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were welcomed as visitors and received with Grand Honors.

Grand Master Swintz in his annual reports recommends that a conference of representatives of the Grand Lodges of the United States be called at the City of Indianapolis for the purpose of discussing the advisability of recommending uniformity of the laws, rituals and lectures of these Grand Jurisdictions. Grand Lodge concurred in this recommendation.

The statistical report of the Grand Secretary shows 546 active Lodges on May 28th, 1912, with a total membership of 60,168, a net increase of 2,669 during the year.

An appeal was made to the members of subordinate Lodges for a contribution towards the establishment of a Home for Masons' widows and orphans, and a free will offering amounting to \$22,759.82 was received by the Committee. A good beginning brethren. Several Lodges have not contributed anything. The average contribution per member of Grand Lodge was about 37c.

The Grand Inspector's report is an excellent one. He is making an earnest effort to maintain the ritualistic work in its simplicity and to secure uniformity of work throughout the State.

The Annual Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges was written by M.W. Bro. Daniel McDonald, P.G.M. The production is an exceedingly creditable one and bears ample evidence of the fact that Bro. McDonald is a skilled craftsman of whom the Masons of Indiana may justly be proud.

M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay .....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Calvin W. Prather.....Grand Secretary.

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## KANSAS

56th Annual.

Topeka, Feb. 21st, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas convened in Annual Communication in Representative Hall in the City of Topeka, Kansas, Wednesday the twenty-first day of February, A.L. 5912, at nine o'clock a.m.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters graced the Grand East on this auspicious occasion. W. Bro. George D. Adams, Grand Representative of Alberta was present.

The total membership of this Grand Lodge is 37,305, a net gain of 1,809 over the previous year.

For a number of years the gain has been about five per cent annually.

Dispensations were issued for seven new Lodges during the year.

Grand Master Sharp has surely had his share of requests for dispensations to confer degrees upon the halt and the maimed.

In his annual report to Grand Lodge he says:

"I have refused almost fifty requests to grant dispensations authorizing the conferral of degrees upon candidates

who were physically disqualified. The disqualification has extended from the loss of an eye to the loss of a leg. In one case a would-be candidate traveled over a hundred miles to submit himself to me for physical examination. As a child his right thumb had been cut off at the second joint. No lodge could admit him, and no Master should ever have given him the least encouragement. In one day I received applications from different parts of the State, on behalf of a man who had lost his right leg and one who had lost his left, a hip-joint amputation, I cite these cases simply to show how deficient many lodge officers are in their knowledge of the fundamental requirements of the Order, and to inform at least those within the sound of my voice that the Grand Lodge, acting upon the report of M.W. Bro. Samuel R. Peters, stated: "No Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim nor defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a brother."

The Grand Master tells of an interesting visit to one of his Subordinate Lodges in these words:

"The most interesting visit of the year to me personally, was on March 17, 1911, when, with my associate Grand Officers, I visited Siloam Lodge No. 225 and conferred the third degree upon my son, Richard Woods Sharp. I had previously, by invitation of this Lodge, conferred the first and second degrees upon him. The occasion was unusual and probably will never be duplicated, for—

"On March 17, 1856, the Grand Lodge of Kansas was organized;

"On March 17, 1887 by special dispensation, I received the three degrees in St. John's Lodge No. 260, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and

"On March 17, 1911, I, as Grand Master, conferred the third degree upon my son.

"The occasion will long be remembered by the hundreds who were there present, but it will never be forgotten by the two principal participants."

The following decisions were submitted by Grand Master Sharp and subsequently approved by Grand Lodge:

I. When an investigating committee fails to report and the committee is changed by the substitution of one or more

brethren. Held: Such revised committee is a new committee and cannot report in less than four weeks.

2. The lectures of the several degrees, being a part thereof, must be given during the communication at which the brother is obligated. If two or more candidates are obligated at the same communication, they can receive the lecture and charge together. The second section of the second degree is the only portion of the 'work' which can be conferred upon more than one candidate at the same time.

"3. An Entered Apprentice, against whose advancement an objection has been interposed, is entitled to instruction in the first degree, to pass his proficiency in the same and have it accepted, to attend communications, and generally to any right or privilege accorded any other Entered Apprentice.

"5. The office of Trustee, being one created by local Lodge By-Laws, does not prevent a brother from holding, at the same time, any other office created by our Laws, or to prevent him from dimitting during the term for which he was elected as Trustee.

"6. A Lodge cannot maintain or operate a Masonic Club out of the Lodge funds."

The method of receiving visiting brethren of various ranks in the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas will be of interest to our Masonic readers. There are four methods of reception:

"First. A Master Mason is introduced at the altar, the Lodge is then 'called up' and the visitor welcomed.

"Second. A Master, Past Master or appointive Grand Officer is introduced at the altar; the Lodge having been 'called up' as the visitor enters, remains standing until after the visitor is welcomed.

"Third. An elective Grand Officer, Past Grand Master, a Representative of the Grand Master specially commissioned to represent him in the performance of a particular duty, or a District Deputy Grand Master when officially visiting a Lodge within his district, is received between parallel lines of brethren extending from the 'East' to the 'West' and introduced at the altar. Under this subdivision, only a Past Grand Master is entitled to be saluted with the Private Grand Honors.

"Fourth. Only the Grand Master can enter a Lodge without saluting at the altar, and he, whether alone or accompanied by associate officers, elective or appointive, is received between parallel lines of brethren extending from the 'East'



to the entrance. This formation naturally throws the altar either 'North' or 'South' of the receiving line, depending upon the location of the entrance. The Grand Master, preceded by his accompanying officers, passes through the lines toward the 'East' and is saluted with the Private Grand Honors, upon order of the Master, when he arrives at the 'East' and faces toward the 'West.' The brethren of the Lodge remain in line until the Grand Master has concluded his remarks."

Every sentence uttered by Bro. A. W. Dana, Grand Orator, is worthy of a place in our review. Unfortunately lack of space forbids that, but we have pleasure in quoting his introductory and his concluding paragraphs:

"When asked, whence comes the Institution of Freemasonry, some students of its history confidently claim for it an antiquity that antedates Rome and Athens, that antedate the days of Confucius and Buddah, of Kings Solomon and David, of the days of the building of the Pyramids; and are accustomed to assert that our fraternity 'was old when the soldiers of Caesar landed on the shores of Britain, and old when Alexander carried the civilization of Europe into Asia.' As to the exact date or place of its origin we do not definitely know, but we do know that it is the most ancient as well as the most honorable of all similar institutions existing amongst men.

None have been so great or powerful as to ignore its beneficent teachings, while its Lodges have been harbors of refuge for the weak and unfortunate of all ages. Among the great lights of Masonry are found the names of Frederick the Great of Prussia; Francis I, Emperor of Germany and Austria; Oscar of Sweden; Christian of Denmark; Earnest of Hanover; George IV. of England; that King who reigned in our day, now remembered as 'The Peacemaker,' Edward VII of England; Napoleon and Lafayette of France; and in our own country the immortal Washington, the anniversary of whose birth we celebrate today. While the names of John Huss, the Bohemian reformer and martyr, who had the honor of handing on from Wickliff to Luther the torch which kindled the Reformation; and those of Lessing, Herder, Fechte, Goethe and Shiller, among the Germans; Sir Christopher Wren, the builder of St. Paul's; Sir Christopher Gresham, the merchant prince who founded the Stock Exchange; John Locke, whose monument is that great essay on the 'human understanding;' Sir Isaac Newton; Bishop Horsely of Rochester, who in the British Parliament boldly defended the fraternity of which he was a member; of Nelson and Wellington, Collingwood and

Napier, among the English (I use the word English in its broadest sense, including the Scotch); and in our own country more than fifty of those who signed the Declaration of Independence, many of our Presidents, and most of the heroes of our Revolutionary period, are all counted among the jewels of the Order. I have called the roll of a few of our illustrious dead simply to remind you that the great and good of the generations that have gone before have worn the Mason's badge, learned the Mason's sign, and labored as skilled craftsmen in our Lodges."

"The words of England's poet, that 'the individual withers, and the world is more and more,' is truer today than ever before in the history of the world. The idea of what is for the general good is today uppermost in the minds of every candid thinker upon social and political subjects. We have already learned that the best interests of the community are not served by each man voting for his own interests. He must look after the national welfare. There are those who confidently expect the time to come when everybody will be actuated by a sincere desire to serve his fellows; when everybody will talk less and insist less upon his strict individual rights, and think more of his obligations to his fellow men, to society as a whole and to the nation, when a common respect for every other man's rights and beliefs will exist; when the Protestant will respect the creed of the Catholic, the Catholic the creed of the Protestant; when the Jew will respect the faith of the Gentile, and the Gentile that of the Jew. That this is 'a consummation devoutly to be wished' will be admitted by every true Mason. In bringing about this new order of things we as Masons have an important work to do; and as the Masonic Lodges furnished to the founders of our government an example of the most perfect democracy the world has ever seen, so today, if society is to be organized upon a basis of a more exact justice, a larger charity, more toleration, a universal recognition of the principles of brotherly love, of mutual service and mutual helpfulness, then no better plan exists than is furnished by the institution of Freemasonry; and as we advance the cause of Masonry in the land, we shall do our part, however humble, in establishing this new order of things, and in pushing this old world on and up, out of the darkness into the light, on its shining pathway to the stars."

Past Grand Master Miller prepared the report on Foreign Correspondence. He evidently found nothing of importance to criticize and several things to commend in his perusal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 1911. This has also been our experience with regard to the pleasant task just completed.

Our regret is that lack of time precludes our delving as fully as we should into every detail of this very interesting report. May our good brother be long spared to continue the work so ably performed during the present year.

M.W. Bro. William E. Hutchison.....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson.....Grand Secretary.

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### KENTUCKY.

112th Annual.

Louisville, Oct. 15th, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, held its One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 1912, and was opened in Ample Form on the Third Degree by M.W. Bro. Dave Jackson, Grand Master.

Twenty Past Grand Masters were present.

The annual address of Grand Master Jackson contains a minute account of his official duties during the year. He claims the right on behalf of Grand Lodge, to receive the petition of any profane or non-affiliate who is a resident of Kentucky and possesses the necessary qualifications required by Grand Lodge, and concedes the same right and power to all other Grand Lodges.

This Grand Lodge was called upon to mourn the loss of Capt. Henry Banister Grant, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Fisher, his successor in office, says:

"In the death of Brother H. B. Grant, Masonry has sustained an irreparable loss. Lodge Secretaries will particularly miss him. He was ever ready to help, aid and assist them in their official duties, and wrought diligently to instruct them. His official correspondence was always anticipated with pleasure, and his 'Fraternally Thine' lingered like a sweet benediction. And it would be a fitting theme to preserve, in his memory, these words, so distinctly his own, by adopting 'Fraternally Thine' as a Masonic superscription to signatures in all Masonic correspondence in this Grand Jurisdiction."

Three subordinate Lodges refused to pay their subscriptions to the Home Journal. The money thus obtained is devoted to the

maintenance of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. One of these Lodges has nine beneficiaries cared for at this Home, the aggregate time they remained there being twenty-five years, and costing \$3,000. The Grand Master threatened to withdraw the charter from this Lodge. We are pleased to observe that these were the exceptions to the general rule and that the total amount subscribed to the Widows' and Orphans' Home was \$29,581.25; to the Old Masons' Home \$9,672.79; and the Home Journal \$9,162.25.

The total number of Lodges on Oct. 1, 1912, was 578 with an aggregate membership of 38,782.

The question as to the eligibility of a candidate who is engaged in the business of selling liquors and of the Mason who subsequently becomes so engaged, is being discussed by many Grand Masters in Sister Jurisdictions. The general consensus of opinion expressed, is that no Lodge should receive the petition of anyone who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of liquors as a beverage, and that any Mason engaged thereat should, after due warning be suspended for unmasonic conduct.

The following regulation shows the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky on this question:

"The retailing of spirituous liquors has been so abused as to become a great evil in the social life of our country. The prosecution of such business by a Master Mason is inconsistent with his profession of moral character, and is calculated to bring the Order into public disrepute. This Grand Lodge disapproves the conducting of such business by a Master Mason."

Bro. William W. Clarke, P.G.M. is the author of the report on Correspondence. It is an interesting review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges; Alberta 1911 being among the number.

He approves of the action of Grand Master Dunlop in issuing a dispensation authorizing interment with the ceremonies of Masonry of an Entered Apprentice and also of a Fellow Craft.

M.W. Bro. J. H. Ewalt.....Grand Master.  
M.W. Bro. Dave Jackson.....Grand Secretary

## LOUISIANA.

100th Annual.

New Orleans, Feb. 5th, 1912

The officers and brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction celebrated the centennial of their existence as a Grand Lodge on Feb. 5th 1912.

Several excellent addresses were delivered by Past Grand Masters and others. The history and growth of this Grand Lodge was outlined by Grand Master Thibaut.

It was an event which will doubtless linger for a long time in the minds of those who had the good fortune to be present.

The response of M.W. Bro L. E. Thomas to the toast of "The Ladies" was exceptionally good. We quote his concluding words:

"Let us drink to the toast that never grows old,  
Though drunk through the years now covered with mold,  
At dinner and banquet and glowing camp-fire,  
By sweetheart and brother, by son and by sire,  
Sedately, intently, with love-flashing eye,  
To the very last drop, and the cup all dry;  
To beauty and sweetness and virtue and worth—  
The finest, the fairest, the truest on earth;  
The surest, the purest—the tenderest too,  
The kindest, the dearest, to me and to you;  
To sister, to mother, to daughter or wife—  
The pleasure, the comfort, the tonic of life.  
Raise, raise each cup to the world's sweetest toast,  
And drain every drop to those we love most—  
The ladies!"

The introductory paragraph of the Grand Master's address is unique and well worthy of a place in our review. It is as follows:

"It is with feelings of the deepest emotion that I welcome you, to this, the centennial communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Unite with me, my Brethren, in giving praise to Him who, having blessed the feeble beginning of Louisiana Masonry, sustained it with His powerful might and for His own purpose through all its trials and vicissitudes has fostered and prospered it. Today, it stands before the world among the most enlightened, the most liberal and the most active of Masonic bodies in America.

"Twin-born of our beloved State, it also has written history—a history which brings no shameful blush to our cheeks, but rather the flush of pride for the character, virtues, and deeds of those who have written it. And yet, my friends, proud as we may be of our Masonic lineage, it is not with the memories of the Past that we are to dwell. 'Its once busy existence, various sensations, fiery trials, dear-bought triumphs, its dynasty of heroes; all of its pulses of joy and anguish, and hope and fear, and love and praise, are with the years beyond recall. The sleeping and the dead are but pictures. Yet, gazing on these, long and intently, and often, we may pass into the likeness of the departed and may emulate their labors and partake of their immortality.'

"The history of the world is a record of the rising and disappearance, like bubbles on the water, and the sweeping from the earth like the morning dew before the noonday sun, of hundred of civilizations. It also records the unchanging, eternal, teachings of Masonry through all the mutations of Time. It witnesses its incessant efforts towards the improvement of the social order, the intellectual development of Man, the warming of men's hearts to their fellow-men and what is more essentially its own—the inspiration of the universal world to the great principles of human solidarity and fraternity.

'May the dawn of this new century, radiant with its possibilities, so inspire us with Masonry's sentiments and ideals, that we may live in the remembrance of succeeding generations, for our gracious deeds and our unfailing devotion to its cause—the teaching of its sublime lessons of Harmony and of Love."

The Grand Master made a strong plea for a new Masonic Temple to be devoted exclusively to the purposes of Masonry

Action thereon was deferred by Grand Lodge until the next Annual Communication.

We advise our brethren to read and ponder carefully over the sane and timely words of Grand Master Thibaut on Masonic Homes.

The pension system is adopted in several of the Canadian Grand Lodges with good success:

#### HOME.

Which—Mother-love at home, or chilly institutional care? Which?

"I plead guilty to having received no direct information of the result of the work performed by the Committee on

Widows' and Orphans' Home, but I have ascertained that up to the last week in December the sum of about \$500 only had been turned over to the Grand Secretary as the contribution obtained by solicitation from the constituent Lodges in aid of this project. The Committee, if that is all they show, has met with no great encouragement, and the result seems to indicate in a material way that the plan of building a Home does not meet with the approval of the majority of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"I cannot but commend the disinclination of Louisiana Masons to inflict upon the distressed of our Masonic family the horror and humiliation of an Asylum. Those magnificent monuments of marble and stone hide behind their walls the sepulchral coldness of organized Charity, a disguise of the true charity which means Love, and not Sufferance. Behind them is the wail of Dante's Damned: "O voi che intrate, lasciate, ogni speranza"—'O you who enter, leave behind you all hope.' \* \* \* of Love. It is well, therefore, that our Brethren should have signalized in the unanswerable manner, their opposition to a plan which will inflict upon our wards the debasement, the humiliation of a prison home, where the surroundings are, and will be a constant reminder of the fact—the mortifying fact—of abject pauperism, associated with the manifest indifference of those friends from whom more loving kindness might have been expected.

"The legislation of this Grand Lodge anent the Home has been one of compromise. Why? Those who have preceded us are better able to say. It is time we should decide in categorical manner how Louisiana shall dispense its Love-fund in the future.

"No one who has studied the modern methods of public beneficence can from one point consider the orphanage of home system as the ideal one. The consensus of opinion is so decidedly against it that at the present day one may not find a single prominent humanitarian advocating it. The orphanage or home is at best only a make-shift—I need only ask you to cast your eyes around and look at the internal conditions of the great eleemosynary institutions of this and other cities. These will appall you, my friends, whose fatherless children may one day become the wards of an institution of similar character, for the word 'Masonic' will create only a distinction and not a difference. I quote the words of Superintendent Agnew of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He says: 'God never intended that children should be raised behind a sixteen-foot wall \* \* \* I be-

lieve the place for a child is in the home and not in an institution. In an institution there is no good-night kiss, and there is no tucking the little ones in bed \* \* \*.

"I might leave to others the formulating of my opinion upon this subject, but I desire at the close of my administration to place myself on record as being unalterably opposed to the infliction of humiliation to our widows and orphans. I wish to be on record as being unequivocally opposed to the erecting of a Home, whatever may be its character.

"Were the truth told, the majority of Masonic Homes would be closed, for they are a burden wherever established. The cost of maintenance is out of proportion to the results, ranging anywhere between \$70 per capita in one Grand Jurisdiction to \$1,200 in Montana. In the later Jurisdiction the Grand Lodge has built a Home at a cost of some \$83,000; this Home contains eight inmates; and the per capita cost of their keeping is in excess of \$1,200. The Home Committee, says the report, favors retrenchment! Advisedly. Would it not be preferable to have these unfortunate eight at home with their 'folks' on a pension of one quarter the amount given to the trustees in their behalf?

"A similar condition prevails in other Grand Jurisdictions, notably in that of Pennsylvania, which we are informed, maintains a million dollar Home for relatively few beneficiaries.

"But be that as it may, my Brethren, the material aspect of the question is only secondary. It matters not whether the per capita cost is one hundred or one thousand dollars; whether the Home costs a hundred thousand or a million. The foremost problem before us is the psychological one. The Home influence is destructive of parental affection: it is destructive of self-assertiveness in after life; it is annihilative of that independence which is the visible expression of manly character; it is humiliating from the very nature of the Charity which it bestows. A Masonic Home would bring forward another paramount objection from the very nature of our Institution. A Masonic Home cannot be sectarian—what, then, becomes of the religious training of its inmates? Have you given a thought to this phase of the question? Does my Jewish Brother desire his orphan child to be brought up as a Christian? Does my Christian friend look with favor upon Jewish religious training for his child? Does not my Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian and Catholic friend frown at the idea of his child forsaking the faith of his home to become one of the 'others?' What, then, of the religious training which



should be given the young mind? This cannot be obtained in a 'Home' but must be impressed upon the child in his own home.

" I desire, as a business man, to suggest to you a plan which I believe will insure better material and moral results. The great State of Illinois has only lately inaugurated a system which bids fair to solve the problem. It is a plan which is practical, has none of the objections hereinbefore mentioned; it is sane, logical, humanitarian. It is more in harmony with modern methods of orphan training and preserves the integrity of the family, with all its psychological, moral, and religious influence. It is the pension system, which enables children to be raised at home rather than spending the amount maintaining them in an orphan asylum or State Home. . . . .

The fund of \$6,000 for immediate relief will be materially increased by the contributions from local Lodges, as the custom now prevails, and ought to continue to prevail, whereby the local Lodge should be made to share the burden of its distressed, and demonstrate to those around them that a Masonic Lodge means something for Benevolence in the locality in which it is established. The Grand Lodge relief fund can be placed under the control of a Board of Charities, which should be composed of at least five members, of which the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Master of Louisiana Relief Lodge, or in his absence one of its Wardens, should be ex officio members. All of the safeguards for proper administration can be placed about this fund, and I am certain that if the plan be tried, this eternal question which has been before us at every session of the Grand Lodge, will be solved forever and satisfactorily. The indigent widow, the lonely aged, the fatherless child, will thus be kept in congenial surroundings, among friends, in the family home, under parental care, where the associations of their lives will be preserved, where the cheering word, the consoling thought, will alleviate the burden, bring joy and happiness in the reflection that though poverty may be near, they are still in possession of riches more valuable than mere money—the wealth of hearts, brimful and overflowing with love. Which, my friends, shall it be?

"Which—Mother Love at Home, or Chilly Institutional Care? Which?"

We have enjoyed the reading of a number of very interesting and instructive addresses which are printed in full in the proceed-

ings, and regret that lack of space prevents our making further reference to them.

A complete history of the rise and progress of Freemasonry in Louisiana is also printed in the Annual Report.

M.W. Bro. E. H. Addington.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Richard Lambert.....Grand Secretary.

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## MAINE.

93rd Annual.

Portland, May 7th, 1912.

The Grand Lodge of Maine was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith, Grand Master, prayer being offered by Rev. Bro. William H. Fultz, Grand Chaplain.

There were two hundred and sixty-six delegates present, representing 195 of the 203 chartered Lodges, and also nine of the eleven living Past Grand Masters.

The concluding paragraphs of Grand Master Smith's address are well worthy of quotation. He says:—

“Our Masonic institution is soundly based on a fundamental human cause, the increasing sense of man's essential brotherhood. Operative Masonry today is concerned in building not alone temples and palaces, but chiefly the manhood of the nation. Just as the great watchword of the eighteen century was liberty, and the great work of the nineteenth century was science, mechanical invention and organization; so the great word and supreme work of this twentieth century will be, brotherhood—service. It is an era of swift and mighty changes throughout the world. Age-old monarchies like Portugal disappear in a night and unfurl the banners of a new republic to the light of dawn; Manchu dynasties sacred for countless centuries are suddenly overthrown, and liberated China awakens from its lethargy of centuries sleep, and a new era of republican government is proclaimed to the amazed and wondering world. All progress is along the line of man's essential brotherhood. In a quiet and unobtrusive way, Freemasonry is working toward that time prophesied by the poet:

'When the war-drums throb no longer, and the battle  
flags are furled,  
'In the parliament of man and the federation of the  
world.'

that time dreamed of by the seer of sacred writ: 'When nations  
shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears  
into pruning-hooks, neither shall they learn war any more.'

"Every day strengthens this bond of essential brotherhood.  
The ancient prayer, 'Thy kingdom come,' is being answered by  
increased peace and good-will, by daily labor for 'God and  
home and native land.'

"Though we cannot see the end of our Masonic labors,  
and though there are hours of disheartenment and seeming  
defeat, still, may we trust on and hope ever, in the unveiling of  
Masonic light and truth:

"'For, with aching hands, and bleeding feet,  
We toil and heap, lay stone on stone,  
We bear the burden and the heat  
Of the long day, and wish 'twere done;  
Not till the hours of light return  
All we have built do we discern.'"

The annual returns show a membership of 29,345, which was a  
gain of 564 or two per cent over last year.

The average lodge membership was 144½.  
The death rate was 19.84 to a thousand.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a special  
report upon relation to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was organized as  
an independent body with twelve constituent Lodges in September,  
1885. It is the only and the supreme authority within its jurisdiction  
in everything that relates to Symbolic Masonry. No Lodge  
can be opened without the presence on the altar of the three great  
lights in Masonry. Furthermore, it is the daughter of the Grand  
Lodge of Cuba which they recognize.

They recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico be recognized  
and fraternal congratulations of this Grand Lodge be  
extended to our brethren in Porto Rico, and our wish for a  
continued career of prosperity and usefulness.

"Resolved, that the M W Grand Master be requested to take measures for an exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico."

These resolutions were adopted.

The W M. of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge of Portland and his officers were invited to assume their stations and confer the Master Mason's degree. They were afterwards complimented by Grand Lodge.

Section 127 of the Constitution was amended to read thus:

"No Lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions for attendance upon divine service excepted, without permission from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State," to permit Lodges to appear in public, either upon occasion of a public reception of him, or of a public mourning for his death."

Grand Lodge receipts were \$12,746.53.

Grand Lodge disbursements were \$8,586.81.

Amount of Charity Fund, \$63,086.24.

Bro. Albion E. Chase submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Alberta for 1911 is among the jurisdictions reviewed.

M.W. Bro. Elmer P. Spofford.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Stephen Berry .....Grand Secretary

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## MANITOBA

37th Annual

Winnipeg, June 12th, 1912.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, this Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form, by M.W. Bro. John Wemyss, Grand Master, and with prayer, by R.W. Bro. Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master in his annual address says:—

"The growth of the order, during the year 1911, has been steady and substantial. The financial stringency, in many of

the country districts during the early part of the year, no doubt militated seriously against a larger increase, and the brethren have apparently exercised due care in accepting candidates. The increase during 1912 will probably be considerably more than that of 1911. While, however, we are naturally pleased to note a satisfactory increase in our membership, the character and standing of the candidates are of very much greater importance. The number of members, which an organization such as ours carries upon its roll, is but a poor criterion of its strength and vitality. A much better test is the interest taken by the members in the order, and the extent to which they endeavor to carry out its ideals and principles, not merely in the Lodge room but in their general life and conversation. I believe, that judged by this standard, we have even greater cause for congratulation, than in the actual numerical increase. I have found the brethren on every hand most enthusiastic, deeply interested in Masonry and what it represents, and so far as my personal knowledge extends, determined that any candidates accepted by them should be above reproach. This is, of course, only as it ought to be. Brethren should ever bear in mind, that the higher the standard that is required, so long as that standard is just and right, so long as it is based upon the essentials of character, and not upon those things which are ephemeral, and so long as brethren avail themselves of the ballot to record their conscientious convictions, and not to vent petty spleen, the more valuable will membership become, and the higher the compliment paid to any man, not matter what may be his rank or station in life, by accepting him as one of our number. Personally, I believe that the required standard among us today is higher than it was a generation ago, and that our successors will be more exacting in their demands than we have been."

Grand Master Wemyss, during his tenure of office, visited every district meeting held during the year, besides a large number of Lodges. He travelled about 3,000 miles in making these visits.

The suggestion made by the Grand Master, that the D.D.G.M.'s divide their report into two parts, and that the first part only be read to Grand Lodge, is a good one.

"Part 1 should contain a general report of the condition of Masonry in the District, statistics, report of the district meeting, and other matters of general interest. Part 2 would deal with each Lodge separately, and the D.D.G.M.'s visit to it. The whole report would be referred to the proper committee, and printed with the proceedings."

The Grand Secretary was present at all the district meetings, and took a prominent part in their proceedings..

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba is to be congratulated upon having so zealous and enthusiastic a Secretary.

The Grand Secretary is usually the best posted brother in Grand Lodge, and his valuable services should, whenever possible, be at the call of the brethren of the Jurisdiction.

We have pleasure in quoting the concluding paragraph of the Grand Master's address:—

"We must not merely transmit to our successors, that Masonry which we received from our forefathers pure and undefiled, but a truer and nobler Masonry than that which was handed down to us; nothing in this world can stand still; the wheels of time will ceaselessly revolve, if there is not progress there must be retrogression. The principles of Masonry do not change, but the application of these principles to the needs of a rapidly changing world, must change if the craft would keep abreast of the times. No era that the world has ever known, has, I believe, been more progressive along the lines in which we as Masons are peculiarly interested, than our own days. Our application of the principles of Masonry, if we are to serve aright our day and generation, if we are going to maintain for our grand old craft, the proud position it has won in centuries gone by, must be correspondingly progressive. Our fathers lived up to the light as they saw it; we, with our fuller light, must meet our increased responsibilities, or be recreant of the trust that has been handed down to us:

New times demand new measures and new men,  
The world advances and in time outgrows  
The laws that in our fathers' days were best,  
And doubtless after us some purer scheme  
Will be shaped out, by wiser men than we,  
Made wiser by the shady growth of truth."

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba had a total membership of 5,967 on December 27th, 1911, being a net increase of 348 during the year. There are seventy-three Lodges, divided into nine Masonic districts. One dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge was granted, and five charters issued during the year.

The Board of General Purposes recommended: "That a combined form of receipt for dues and visiting certificate be adopted, and that all subordinate Lodges be required to use said form." This recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge.

The total estimated expenditure for the year from April 1st, 1912, to March 31st, 1913, was \$4,360.

There is no foreign correspondence report.

M.W. Bro. William Chambers.....Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas .....Grand Secretary.

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### MARYLAND.

126th Annual.

Baltimore, Nov. 19, 1912

General Thomas J. Shryock, was re-elected, for the twenty-eighth time, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of Grand Lodge fittingly commemorated the 125th anniversary of the formation of their Grand Lodge.

Before assembling in Easton, they proceeded to Spring Hill Cemetery, where the body of Dr. John Coats, the first Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, lies buried. The Grand Lodge formed a hollow square around the grave, and the Grand Master placed thereon a beautiful wreath of flowers, about three feet in diameter, and composed of American Beauty roses, laurel and palms, with a royal purple ribbon across the top, inscribed 1787-1912.

At the celebration held immediately afterwards, an admirable paper, prepared by Bro. Edward T. Schultz, P.S.G.W., Historian and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, was read by Rev. Bro. Henry Branch, D.D. Bro. Schultz is now eighty-six years of age. He has been a member of the Craft for fifty-nine years. He has prepared the Foreign Correspondence report for twenty-six consecutive years. Fifteen years ago he had the sad misfortune to lose his eyesight, and he has accomplished his task since that time, with the aid of a faithful reader and amanuensis.

We can readily understand why peace and prosperity reigns supreme in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and will continue so long as they have such faithful self-sacrificing exemplars as Bros. Shryock and Schultz. May they both be spared, by the Great Architect of the Universe, to continue the good work for many years to come.

We feel honored in being permitted to join the ranks of the noble army of Reviewers, which includes such brethren as Bros. Diehl of Utah and Schultz of Maryland.

On Tuesday, May 30th, 1912, Grand Master Shryock, in accordance with ancient Masonic customs, laid the corner stone of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. A complete account, of the ceremonies and addresses, is given in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

At the conclusion of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Cumberland, M.W. Bro. Shryock announced that he would, in honor of, and as a compliment to R.W. Bro. Thomas Footer for invaluable service rendered to the Craft, confer upon his son, Harry Footer, the high honor of making him a Mason at sight, which he did in full form.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a total membership of 15,142, being a gain of 711 during the year.

M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock.....Grand Master

R.W. Bro. George Cook.....Grand Secretary.

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## MASSACHUSETTS.

179th Annual.

Boston, Dec. 11, 1912.

One Stated Communication, seven Special, and three Quarterly Communications, were held during the year, in addition to the Annual Convocation of this Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Adolph L. Fitzgerald, P.G.M. of Nevada, was a visitor at one of the Quarterly Communications.

The custom, of having some distinguished visitor from a sister Grand Lodge present at our Annual Communications, is growing more common, and helps to spread the cement of brotherly love among the brethren of these jurisdictions.

A Stated Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Boston, on the 27th day of December, for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers and celebrating the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist. At the conclusion of the Feast, the following toasts were proposed and drank, the members standing and the quartette singing a selection after each:

To the memory of the holy Saint John.



To the memory of our illustrious Brother, George Washington.

To the memory of our departed Brethren.

To the whole Craft wheresoever dispersed on the face of the earth.

The Grand Master then introduced several distinguished members of the Craft, who delivered appropriate and eloquent addresses.

Grand Master, Everett C. Benton presented to H. R. H. the Duke of Cannaught, Grand Master of Masons in England and Governor General of Canada, the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—the oldest Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere—through three representatives appointed for that purpose, and extended a cordial and urgent invitation to pay the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts a fraternal visit in his capacity as Grand Master of their mother Grand Lodge. The Duke of Connaught replied expressing his deep appreciation of the fraternal feeling manifested in the letter of invitation, but stated that owing to his official position in Canada he found it impossible to accept the very tempting invitation to visit the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The application, for recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy was declined and the following statement, setting forth the reasons for this action, was made by the Committee:

"It is well known that there are rival grand bodies existing in the Kingdom of Italy, each claiming to be supreme and each holding that the other is illegal, and is not worthy of recognition. In each of the bodies are many men who formerly have been Brethren together in Masonry and who, though differing in opinion, are still members of the Order in good standing. The differences between the bodies, however, have generated a most inharmonious condition, and considering the unsettled state of affairs, not only Masonically but politically, in the Kingdom of Italy, and because your Committee have been unable to procure sufficient evidence of such a recognition of a Deity or a Supreme Being as is required by and is really the fundamental principle of our Institution as laid down by at least all English-speaking Lodges of the world, your Committee are at present unable to recommend the granting of the request, and without prejudice to any application that may be made in the future by the same body, respectfully recommend that the request for recognition be declined."

In order to provide adequate funds for the support and maintenance of the Masonic Home each initiate is required to contribute \$5.00 to this Fund.

The law of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is direct and positive with regard to the use of cipher rituals. It reads thus:

"That hereafter any Mason under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who shall print, or cause to be printed, any such book or sheets, or buy or sell the same, or cause the same to be bought or sold, or who shall use or circulate the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, or to be otherwise punished."

The Trustees of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust submitted a certified statement showing funds on hand to the amount of \$554,800.05.

There are 252 Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of which three are in China, three in Chile and two in the Canal Zone.

The total number of affiliated members on Aug. 31st, 1912, was 63,290, an increase of 2,446 during the year.

M.W. Bro. Everett C. Benton .....Grand Master  
R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Davis .....Grand Secretary

## MICHIGAN.

68th Annual.

Detroit, May 28th, 1912.

Excellent photogravures of James H. Thompson, Grand Master and eleven of the principal officers of Grand Lodge form the front-spice to the proceedings, which contain six hundred and seventy-three pages of information regarding this Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges.

Michigan is evidently well supplied with Masonic Temples. Photos of twelve beautiful buildings appear in their Annual Proceedings.

The Grand Master's address is a carefully worded business-like presentation of his official acts during the year. We note, with approval, the kindly sympathetic reference made to each of the fraternal dead of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, rather than the mere mention of the name and rank, as is so often done.

Peace and harmony continue to exist not only among the brethren of this Grand Lodge, but also with all its sister Grand Jurisdictions.

About thirty dispensations were granted by the Grand Master to confer degrees within a lunar month. We do not doubt Grand Master Dillon when he states that the reasons were "good and sufficient," but at the same time feel that a Grand Master cannot be too careful in the exercise of this prerogative. No doubt efficiency in the work of the preceeding degrees was insisted upon, before advancement was made.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of four new lodges during the year.

From the list of visitations made by M.W. Bro. Dillon, we conclude that he has had a very busy year, and are pleased to note that an allowance, of \$1,200, besides mileage, was granted him.

The total receipts, from all sources for the year, were \$35,-885.57.

There were four hundred and twenty-one active lodges having a total membership of 68,396 on January 1, 1912.

Grand Secretary Winsor, is Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

The By-laws of Grand Lodge contain this clause with reference thereto:

"The Committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings as well as promulgating the opinion of the Committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge."

Several excellent addresses were delivered at the dedication of the Masonic Home at Alma, Michigan.

From the address of Bro. Geo. L. Lusk, we quote briefly:

"A distinguished Mason has beautifully said: 'We are members of a great brotherhood, whose origin is lost in the forgotten past; whose traditions come to us hallowed by the mists of years, whose ritual, ideal in sentiment, eloquent in diction, is written in the language of the world. Whose ancient customs, usages and landmarks, are familiar to all civilized men. Whose principles of truth, justice, charity and that righteousness born of the love of God, and that human sympathy born of the love of man, embrace the consummate, ethical wisdom of the ages.'"

P.G.M. Jno. J. Carton in his concluding words, said that:

"While he was Grand Master he had occasion to attend the dedication of a Masonic temple. He was asked, if it were

proper to allow the Eastern Star to use the Lodge room. He replied that it was, and here the Past Grand Master paid an eloquent tribute to the sisterhood of the Eastern Star, saying: 'I would as soon think of tearing the stars out of the blue vault of heaven as taking women out of the firmament of Masonry. I have always noticed by the appearance of the Lodge rooms the existence of the Eastern Star.' In speaking of 'Our Responsibilities,' Bro. Carton said: 'This institution is not a duty incumbent upon us, it is not a responsibility, it is a privilege, a magnificent privilege. The poorest man in the world is the man without the respect of his fellow men. The richest man, though he be ever so poor in material things, is the man who commands the greatest respect of his fellowmen. War never settles anything. It only destroys. To live is to give, and to live a life to its fullest measure, is to give to the height of our ability. I say the Michigan Masonic Home is not a duty nor a responsibility, but a magnificent privilege.'"

The following poem was read by Lou B. Windsor, Grand Secretary:

"Like as a city on an hill,  
With a destiny wide in the world to fulfil;  
Like as a light that shineth down  
From the topmost height of a mountain crown;  
Like as a radiance seen afar  
In the distant gleam of a shimmering star;  
So is this house in its vesture here;  
So shows its promise, fair and clear;  
So shines its lofty purpose, when  
It stands a beacon seen of men.

"Full long hath the wailing of Want been known;  
And misery hath breathed in a broken moan;  
Full long hath Need, with tears, besought  
Surcease from the woes by Suffering brought;  
Till last in the hearts of men, refined,  
By the Spirit of Love for the human kind,  
Hath come the high desire to bless  
The strength of help unto helplessness.  
Like the voice that spake out of Galilee:  
Suffer ye these to come unto Me.

"Ah me, if the great ones passed away  
Can look from the realms of endless day,  
And see us standing where they stood,  
With an upward reach to achieve the Good;  
Ah then, believe me, well may rise

A kindling light in their spirit eyes;  
A thrill of keenest joy, as when  
Some great deed lights the souls of men;  
And theirs the Master's saying be:  
As ye gave unto these, so ye gave unto Me.

Oh, Spirit of Mercy, thou daughter of Love,  
Issuing from the All-Father above,  
Come and replenish our feeble days  
With a sweetness in words, and a kindness in ways.  
O Spirit of Charity, here do thou rest,  
And teach that the gift and the giving are blest;  
That not a kind act shall unfruitful remain;  
Not a cup of cold water be given in vain;  
That not even the least of these of today  
Shall fade from the Father's care away.

"And long may these walls we dedicate,  
Stand in their strength as the years abate;  
And may yon roof forever clasp  
Enduring power within its grasp;  
Long may they shelter in their fold  
Whatever helpless Need may hold;  
And as the sum of our hopes and fears  
Stands thus complete in the flow of years,  
Be this its lesson our whole life through:  
In what measure ye mete, it be meted to you."

M.W. Bro. James H. Thompson.....Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor.....Grand Secretary.

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## MINNESOTA.

50th Annual.

St. Paul, Jan. 17, 1912.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of St. Paul, commencing at high twelve, on Wednesday, January 17, A.L. 5912.

All the Grand Officers were present. 224 Lodges were represented out of 253 on the roll. Bro. E. P. Dotson, Grand Representative of Alberta, was present.

Grand Master Kling in his annual address gives an account in detail of his work during the year, which was afterwards heartily

approved by Grand Lodge. He wisely calls attention to the necessity of candidates becoming proficient in the work of the Third degree, as well as in the First and Second degrees.

Worshipful Masters should see to it that every candidate, upon whom he has conferred the degrees of Freemasonry, is able to pass a satisfactory examination, so that he will not feel reticent in submitting himself for examination on any occasion, and will not bring discredit upon his mother Lodge.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a total membership of 26,543, a net gain of 764 during the year.

The card index, which has proven so satisfactory in other Grand Lodges, has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

We were surprised to learn that the minimum fee, for the three Capital degrees of Freemasonry, was only fifteen dollars. A resolution to increase this amount to thirty-five dollars was submitted, but laid over till the next Annual Communication.

The address by Bro. McKnight is well worthy of a place in our review. Lack of space forbids this. We quote his closing lines:—

“New times demand new measures and new men,  
The world advances, and in time outgrows  
The laws that in our fathers' days were best,  
And, doubtless, after us some purer scheme  
Will be shaped out, by wiser men than we,  
Made wiser by the steady growth of truth,  
The time is ripe and rotten ripe for change,  
Then let it come. I have no dread of what  
Is called for by the instinct of mankind,  
Nor think I that God's world would fall apart,  
Because we tear a parchment, more or less.  
Truth is eternal, but her affluence,  
With endless change, is fitted to the hour;  
Her mirror is turned forward to reflect  
The promise of the future, not the past.”

Grand Secretary Fishel has prepared an index to the Proceedings, which is a valuable aid to reviewers and others, and might well be adopted by all Grand Secretaries.

M.W. Bro. Elmer A Kling.....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. John Fishel.....Grand Secretary.

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## MISSISSIPPI.

94th Annual.

Hattiesburg, Feb. 20th, 1912.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, by M.W. Bro. John S. Brooks, Grand Master.

Our brethren of the South have lost, by the hand of death, four distinguished members of the Craft, all of whom were Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge. Of the late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Speed, it was recorded that he had attended the Grand Lodge for over forty-one years, having not missed a session of that Body since he became a member, and served on every committee, and performed every service asked of him.

The Grand Master in the introductory paragraphs of his address says:—

- “Brethren, it affords me unbounded pleasure to announce, that peace and harmony prevail, and that the great moral principles, as taught in the several Masonic lectures, seem to be shaping the lives and conduct of our Brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and I must attribute a large measure of this success to your admirable system of dispensing Masonic instruction through your District Deputies, and your Schools of Instruction. I assure you that it is a source of very great satisfaction to visit different Lodges, and to observe the almost perfect rendition of the work and lectures of the several
- Masonic Degrees, and to note the zeal and fidelity of the Craft as they realize and understand more thoroughly the meaning of these great moral principles, the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the human soul, the great Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.”

Three corner stones of public buildings were laid by Grand Master Brooks during the year.

He recommends that Grand Lodge provide a private seal for the use of the Grand Master, with the words “Private Seal Grand Master of Masons, Miss.” and some Masonic emblem impressed thereon. This he says will add validity to the letters and edicts of the Grand Master.

He also recommends that Grand Lodge sever its fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, until that Grand Jurisdiction shall repudiate the action of Dundee Lodge in conferring the degrees of Masonry upon the negro pugilist, Jack Johnson, who was not at the time of his so-called initiation, a citizen of Scotland.

We are pleased to learn that the officers of Dundee Lodge were justly punished, for their misconduct, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Having read the reports of the thirty District Deputy Grand Masters, we now readily understand why Grand Master Brooks attributes the success of Masonry largely to the untiring efforts of these faithful brethren.

The Committee on Subordinate Lodges recommended the granting of Charters to seven Lodges working under dispensation.

The following resolution of ——— Lodge was submitted to the Committee on the state of the Craft:—

“To the Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

“Feeling that a uniform work, throughout the different Grand Jurisdictions of the United States of North America, would be of great benefit to the Craft, be it

“RESOLVED, That this Grand Body take the necessary steps through their custodians, to communicate with the custodians of the different Grand Jurisdictions of the United States of North America, to have a convention of these different custodians called and adopt a uniform work.”

The Committee recommended that this resolution be not adopted for the following reasons:—

1. “Mississippi today has more Masons capable of conferring degrees and giving lectures, according to the adopted work in Mississippi, than ever before, and this resolution, if carried into effect, would cause confusion, and unlearning of the work as we now have it, the learning of the new work, and it would be some years before we would be able to do as good work as we now do.

2. “We already have uniformity in the landmarks of the Order throughout the world and the 20,000 Masons in Mississippi have no occasion, in our judgment, to make any changes in the wording of work and lectures.”

The Committee's recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi is to be congratulated on having over \$100,000 to the credit of the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home.



There are 357 chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, having a total membership of 18,931, a net gain of 784 during the year.

A very complete directory of all the subordinate Lodges, their time and place of meeting, their officers, past masters and members, occupies 250 pages of the printed proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by P.G.M. Harry Howard. In his preface to the report, he supports the action of his Grand Lodge in severing its fraternal relations with New Jersey, on account of one of its Lodges being composed almost entirely of negroes.

He concludes his preface thus:—

"In this State, that has been so long in the Black Belt (with a white population of 786,119 and a black one of 1,009,487), many a man creeps into our Lodges because he is white, who has no business among the Craft. But for our own protection we draw the color line, recognizing as we do that—

"Whether conscious or unconscious, yet Humanity's vast frame,  
Through its ocean-sundered fibres feels the gust of joy or shame,  
In the gain or loss of one race all the rest have equal claim."

"The question is stated in its simplest form: Is it wise to open our doors to negroes? Mississippi answers no, and Oklahoma, our only friend, approves our action."

M.W. Bro. J. R. Williams.....Grand Master. ....  
R.W. Bro. F. G. Speed.....Grand Secretary.

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## MISSOURI.

92nd Annual.

St. Louis, Sept. 24th, 1912.

Eighteen corner stones of public buildings were laid by M.W. Bro. Johnson or his representatives during the year. Six dispensations for new Lodges were granted.

Charges of unmasonic conduct were preferred against the W. M.'s of three Lodges. They were found guilty, and either suspended or expelled by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Thomas L. Rubey, Grand Orator, was not present, to address Grand Lodge, owing to the sudden illness of his father.

The Grand Lecturer, assisted by other Grand Lodge officers, exemplified the ceremonies of the Third Degree.

The total membership of the 617 Chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is 55,564, a net gain of 2,519 over the previous year.

The net assets of all the Subordinate Lodges is \$2,188,394.49.

The following salaries are paid the officers of Grand Lodge: Grand Secretary, \$3,000; Grand Lecturer, \$2,500; Fraternal Correspondent, \$400; Grand Treasurer, \$200; Grand Tyler, \$150.

The allowance for mileage and per diem of those in attendance at Grand Lodge amounted to \$8,844.00.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence by Bro. C. C. Woods is complete and very interesting. He gives some valuable statistics in his introductory notes. From these notes we have gleaned the following:—

“Total number of Grand Lodges in the world, 121. Total number of Lodges, 23,950. Total number of members, 2,134,000. Made up as follows:—

|                                  | Lodges. | Members.  |
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| “Great Britain and Ireland ..... | 3,200   | 224,000   |
| Europe (rest of) .....           | 3,000   | 160,000   |
| Canada .....                     | 1,250   | 130,000   |
| United States .....              | 14,500  | 1,500,000 |
| Central America .....            | 200     | 10,000    |
| South America .....              | 900     | 55,000    |
| Australia and New Zealand .....  | 900     | 55,000”   |

In the United States twenty-three Grand Lodges have provided homes, two expect to have them in the near future; eight have approved the plans of homes but have deferred action; and sixteen have either rejected proposals to establish homes, or have taken no action on the subject.

The average annual expense of maintenance, per capita, is about \$200

M.W. Bro. Jacob Lampert.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. John R. Parson.....Grand Secretary.

## NEBRASKA.

55th Annual.

Omaha, June 4th, 1913.

Representatives from 233 of the 252 Chartered Lodges were present at the opening of Grand Lodge.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. Henry Gibbons, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Daniel H. Wheeler, the oldest living Past Grand Master, was announced, admitted and welcomed by the Grand Master and the honors of Masonry extended to him.

The Grand Master's address is a comprehensive report of his official acts during the year.

He is opposed to issuing special dispensations for conferring degrees without regard to time, except under very special circumstances. He says, "Generally a dispensation is wanted for the convenience of someone who has suddenly realized that it would be for his personal benefit to be made a Mason."

The financial report of the Grand Secretary shows a balance of \$25,819.17 to the credit of Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge owns 396 out of a total number of 606 shares in the Nebraska Masonic Home Association. The cost of maintaining the Home for the year 1911 was \$7,717.59. There are now in the Home 25 men, 16 women and 2 boys, making a total of 42.

The annual cost of maintaining a resident of the Home was \$206.68.

The number of Chartered Lodges is 252, having a total membership of 19,269, a net gain of 762 over the previous year. Judging from the excellent report of the Grand Custodian, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is to be congratulated upon having such an efficient and painstaking official, who has labored in the quarries for twelve successive years.

Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Sr., who occupied the Grand East, 31 years ago had the unique pleasure of installing his eldest son into the office of Grand Master. Each may justly be proud of the other.

We have read, with much pleasure and profit, the excellent address delivered by W. Bro. Poncher, at the evening session on "Subjection and Improvement," and take the liberty of quoting in full his remarks on the latter part of his subject:—

"To learn to subdue my passions' and to live the perpendicular life is purely negative. We are not satisfied with the negative. We long with intensity of soul to be positive. Hence there is the passion of improvement. 'What shall I DO to inherit eternal life?' This question has been asked in every language, under every sky, and in every age. It has been asked in the frenzy of remorse, in the quiet of meditation and under the study lamp. Men will never have done asking it. It stands for the push of the spirit out into the regions of infinite possibility. O! this restless, inquiring, passionate human soul! It will never be still! The soul's restlessness has given birth to all progress and achievement. The true Mason is never satisfied until he reaches attainment or annihilation. The teachings of Masonry satisfy the deepest hunger of the heart and the yearnings of the spirit. 'To improve ourselves in Masonry' is to appropriate and personify its lessons. What is the Masonic Creed?

"I would speak of its CATHOLICITY. A catholic mind is a continual source of pleasure. Narrow-mindedness is a curse wherever it exists, whether in religious, scientific, or aesthetic sphere, or in the world of social intercourse; whether it dwindles religion into a dogma, or science into a formula, or literature into a school, or morality into a maxim. The narrow mind is like a little pond, holding the image of the moon, that dreams the orb lies hidden in its shallow water; but as it expands the mind grows like a far-reaching sea, which knows, however great its bounds, that the 'queen of the night' dwells in the heaven above, and only throws upon its upturned face some passing of her splendor.

"As Masons we do not claim to possess all truth, but Truth and not Error is the objective search of all who are 'seeking more light in Masonry.'

"Masonry begins with the assertion of the Sacred Book, 'In the beginning God.' And after you have spent years in the study of its beautiful symbolry you will learn that Masonry concludes with the words of Scripture: 'And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy God will take away his part out of the Book of Life.' To the Mason, the Bible is the supreme rule and guide of faith. He is taught to respect it with holy reverence and to defend it with his life. Masonry believes with the Psalmist, that 'The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.' God is to be honored as Creator, Preserver, and Father of all mankind. His name is to be revered.

"We believe in the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN. No man can say, 'Our Father,' until he has first learned to say,

'My Brother.' The greatest of all arts is the art of living together. It is the mission of Masonry to teach that art. What awful chasms yawn today between men of different classes! What Chinese walls separate man from man! Masonry is a Brotherhood, a band of believers, whose interests are interlocked, whose hopes and ambitions, whose sympathies and loves, are intertwined, whose lives are blended and interlaced; a society of friends compacted together, fused into one body for worship and for work. Our ancient and honorable fraternity welcomes to its doors, and admits to its privileges, worthy men of all creeds and classes. But it insists that all men shall stand upon an exact equality. You are here taught to divest your mind and conscience of all vices and superfluities of life. To divest yourself of all those worldly distinctions and equipments which are not in keeping with the spirit of Brotherhood.

"Masonry believes and teaches the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body. When the shadows of death approach, Masonry removes the dark cloud and draws aside the sable curtains of the tomb, and reveals the light of Immortality gleaming brightly on the shores of a boundless eternity. We stand by the grave of our loved ones. 'We peer into the impenetrable shadow but we do not see; we listen in the infinite silences and there is no sound; but the cable of human hope stretches from shore to shore. Over it we whisper our messages of love and with the ear of faith await the answer of our prayer.' The thought of Immortality cannot be driven from men's minds. As one has said: 'Immortality! The greatest thought that man can think. As old as life and birth; as precious as memory and love; as universal as tears and death; as pure as marriage; as sweet as motherhood; as great as the heart of man; as tender as the soul of woman; as true as the justice of God.' As the Mason kneels by the side of the grave and prays, he finds sufficient power in the Lion of the Tribe of Judah to raise his dead and give them life and immortality.

"More things are wrought by prayer,  
Than this world dreams of."

"So the Mason is taught that when all other resources fail there is an inexhaustible supply of strength in the power of prayer."

M.W. Bro. James R. Cain, Jr. ....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Francis E. White.....Grand Secretary.

## NEVADA.

48th Annual.

Reno, June 11th, 1912.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. Herman Davis, Grand Master, at 12 o'clock M., and then called off until 4:30 o'clock p.m., to enable the brethren to attend the funeral of the late Bro. George S. Nixon, United States Senator for Nevada.

Grand Master Davis is justly proud of the fact, that he is the first Grand Master to visit every one of the twenty-five Lodges in the Jurisdiction during his tenure of office. To accomplish this he had to travel no less than six thousand miles by train, automobile, stage, team, horseback and on foot. A full report is given of every visit made, praising where such was due, and fearless in his denunciation of wrong doing and negligence where such was found to exist.

Under the heading of "Condition of the Craft," he says:—

"The returns of constituent Lodges show an increase of seventy-five in the number of members during the year, an increase, to my mind, ample for a jurisdiction the size of Nevada. I find that most of the Lodges are slowly but surely making a more careful selection of material; yet in other Lodges many of the newer brethren rarely attend, after their 'raising,' which shows that the 'degre-mill' has turned out a few real Masons; together with a lot of drones who are Masons, but in name only.

"In these same Lodges an alarming increase in loose methods, employed by investigating committees, together with short, easy and cheap cuts to Masonry, and the abandonment of many of the mental, moral and physical qualifications so essential to the maintenance of a proper standard for our Institution, is noted.

"Right here I would sound a note of warning. We are drifting slowly, yet surely, from the Ancient Landmarks that were guarded so carefully by our forefathers, by convenient and elastic interpretations of their meanings into modernism, rapidly absorbing customs and ideas from societies of mushroom growth, when some of our Lodges open their doors to the maimed, the dismembered, the diseased, the immoral, the vicious and low.

"Our Landmarks mean exactly what they say, and nothing else, and constituent Lodges must cease setting them aside, or constructing them to suit their own convenience.

"Too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of material for our Lodges, and a candidate to be accepted ought to be clean and healthy in mind and body, for it is only by the survival of the fittest that we can attain the eminence so highly desired.

"The first and most important qualification should be mental ability, coupled with good moral character, and the presence of Masonic virtues; and not the simple lack of vices. A man to be made a Mason should be a man endowed with sufficient brain matter and education to understand and appreciate Masonry for its real worth.

"Men should be Masons at heart before they enter our portals, for the Masonic Lodge is not a reform school; the Salvation Army does excellent work along those lines. The mission of the Masonic Lodge is to take good men and make them better, not to take bad men and endeavor to make them good. In balloting, the candidate should never be given the benefit of the doubt. This benefit should be accorded the Lodge.

"It is perhaps difficult to explain just what your standard for Masonry consists of. I have found that an excellent rule is to allow no one to enter your Lodge unless he is such a man as you would prefer your wife, or your daughter to associate with. It has been my experience that you can measure every man's character by the estimate he puts upon a good woman."

M.W. Bro. Davis recommended that Grand Lodge do not endorse the appeal, of the Washington Memorial Association, for contributions to the Washington Monument.

We heartily commend all our brethren to read carefully what Bro. Davis says about Non-affiliates:—

"Our Landmark XIV. reads: 'It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of a Lodge.' Section III. of our Constitution provides that 'every Mason, who, having resided six months within the jurisdiction of a Lodge, shall refuse or neglect to make applications so to be, or shall not have regularly contributed to such Lodge an amount equivalent to its regular dues, while able so to do, shall be deemed unworthy of Masonic consideration and shall not be entitled to, nor be the recipient of any of the rights, privileges or charities of the fraternity.

"I have found several Lodges in which Masters have allowed non-affiliates to visit and receive the benefits of Masonry for years, without inquiring into their standing, examin-

ing their receipts for dues, or requiring them to contribute as provided in Section 111. Like the poor, the non-affiliate is always with us. The foremost at banquets, and the first to let you know that he is a Mason when it is to his benefit. Some are loaded down with so-called Masonic jewelry, and show by the tenor of their lives that the principles of Masonry were forgotten by them at about the time they commenced to evade the payment of dues. During the past year I asked the Masters of the constituent Lodges to urge all Masons to become members of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction they reside; and requested all members of Nevada Lodges to withdraw from their Lodges, and affiliate with the Lodge nearest which they reside, whether in this State or elsewhere. It is a compliment to the Lodge that made a man a Mason, when he leaves the jurisdiction to immediately join the Lodge in his new home. This would tend to show that the man loves Masonry. It is well enough to talk of allegiance to your mother Lodge, but this is for the most part buncombe. Often Masons say they stay with their wonderful "mother Lodge" because their father is still a member, and in all such cases it is safe to say, that the father, deep in his heart, if he is not a Masonic drone himself, is ashamed that his son is a drone instead of being a real Mason.

"If a man be a Mason at heart, he will contribute not only his moral support, but financial support as well to the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides.

"It is there he receives, either directly or indirectly, the benefits which accrue to all Masons, and he is not entitled to the name of Mason if he is not willing to take upon himself other burdens than contributing a few dollars and cents each year to a Lodge in another Jurisdiction, even though it be the Lodge which made him a Mason."

The following resolution on the liquor question was adopted unanimously:—

"RESOLVED: That this Grand Lodge recommends to its Constituent Lodges that no petition for the degrees, nor application for affiliation shall, in future, be received from any person engaging in the business of selling intoxicating liquor or liquors as a beverage, nor shall any member in this Jurisdiction, not so engaged at the present time, be permitted to engage in such business under penalty of expulsion."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by V.W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary; two pages are devoted to Alberta, 1911.



We note with appreciation the kind references to our Grand Master and his faithful work during the year.

Bro. Vanderlieth takes exception to the issuing of dispensations to bury with Masonic honors an Entered Apprentice, and a Fellow Craft, and quotes several authorities in support of his contention. The question is doubtless a debateable one. I have already reviewed the Proceedings of Twenty-five Lodges, and you are the first Correspondent who has taken exception to Grand Master Dunlop's decision in this respect.

We must all admit that such are brother Masons. If their lack of advancement is through no negligence of their own, we still maintain that, upon request, these rights should not be withheld from them.

M.W. Bro. Henry W. Miles .....Grand Master.  
V.W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth .....Grand Secretary.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

47th Annual.

Sydney, June 12th, 1912.

Four Emergent Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year, two for the purpose of laying corner stones, one for the purpose of dedicating a new Lodge room, and one for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Hon. William Ross, Past Grand Master.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Sydney, on Wednesday the 12th day of June, 1912.

After Grand Lodge was declared open in Ample Form, by M.W. Bro. Augustus John Wolff, Grand Master, a procession was formed under the direction of V.W. Bro. W. H. Smith, Grand Director of Ceremonies, with R.W. Bro. Frank L. Dixon and W. Bro. Nelson E. Muggah as Bible Bearers, and V.W. Bro. John Duncan Grant, Constitution Bearer, and headed by the Sydney Brass Band and the Band of Royal Oak Lodge No. 85, Sydney Mines, they marched to St. Andrew's Church where Divine Service was held, and an excellent Sermon preached by Brother Reverend John Pringle, D.D., Minister of the Church, acting Grand Chaplain.

A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Rev. Dr. Pringle for this eloquent and instructive address, coupled with the request that he furnish the Grand Secretary with the manuscript of it, for publication in the Grand Lodge proceedings.

There are seventy-one chartered Lodges and one under Dispensation.

The Grand Secretary announced, on behalf of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, that no complaint had been submitted to that Committee during the year; consequently it had no report to make. Congratulations brethren.

Carefully prepared reports were submitted by the ten D.D. G.M.'s. The selections were evidently wisely made, judging from the nature and completeness of the work done by these faithful representatives.

The Grand Master in his annual address makes these fitting references to the coming of H. R. H. Duke of Connaught as Governor of Canada:—

“As citizens of Canada, we have been favored from time to time with illustrious occupants at Rideau Hall, men of sterling worth, eminence, ability and rank, have come to us at the behest of noble minds of Britain's Premiers, Cabinet and Crown, its brightest jewel has ever been our beloved Canada. That it is so held today, more so than ever, is reflected in the appointment of the present occupant to that exalted station, foreshadowed by the late lamented King Edward VII., whose wise counsel directed, that his own brother, H. R. H. Duke of Connaught, be chosen.

“Therefore, we have today a Governor General who is the Grand Master of Masons of England as well, and we as Masons honor and welcome him to our shores, with fond remembrance of past Masonic history of our own Mother Grand Lodge.

“For the first time in Masonic history, and in the history of the Dominion of Canada as well, the Grand Master of the oldest Grand Lodge in the World, a Prince of the Realm represents the King of the greatest Nation the world has ever seen, and it is, therefore, befitting the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to welcome him by means of an illuminated address, which, in my absence, was presented to His Royal Highness by the Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, at my request.

#### THE ADDRESS

“His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, etc.,  
Governor-General of Canada, Ottawa.

“May it please your Royal Highness:

“On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, we beg respectfully to convey to your Royal Highness our most sincere and cordial

greeting upon your assumption of the exalted position of Governor-General and direct Representative of his Gracious Majesty King George V., in this our beloved Dominion of Canada, a territory of vast extent and resources, peopled by divers races and creeds, yet of unswerving loyalty to their King and Country, and we sincerely hope and pray that your Royal Highness may find Canada a congenial place of residence, and we feel quite confident that the wise counsel of your Royal Highness will materially advance the best interests of the Dominion, and of the Great Empire of which it is proud to form a part.

"As members of the Masonic Fraternity, we greet your Royal Highness as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of our Parent Grand Lodge of England, and beg most respectfully to inform your Royal Highness, that on the fifth day of June, 1800, your Illustrious Grandfather, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, laid with full Masonic Ceremonies, the corner stone of Freemasons' Hall in this City, and that stone is still carefully preserved, although the building disappeared long ago.

"As arrangements are now being made for the erection of a new building upon the site of the old one, we look forward, with hope, that your Royal Highness may be graciously pleased to condescend to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone, which we well know would be considered a great honor by every Mason in Nova Scotia.

"We commend your Royal Highness and your Illustrious Family to the Holy keeping of the G. A. O. T. U.

(Signed) AUGUSTUS J. WOLFF,  
Grand Master.

(Signed) THOMAS MOWBRAY,  
Grand Secretary."

We are pleased to observe that the Grand Master did not allow the brethren of his Jurisdiction to sell lottery tickets for the purpose of raising money. Besides being a breach of the laws of Canada, such an act is *infra dig* and humiliating to the Craft.

No brother of leisure has yet been found to prepare a history of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The longer it is delayed the more difficult will be the task.

Grand Master Wolff states that the subordinate Lodges are in a flourishing condition both numerically and financially. There have been added to the rolls 520 members, and the losses have

aggregated 288 leaving a net gain of 232, and bringing the total number of Master Masons on the register of Grand Lodge to 6,455.

The improvements in Lodge premises have been marked.

Four new halls are ready for dedication, one is under construction, and two have been enlarged and renovated. Evidently the Masons of Nova Scotia are keeping pace with the general progress of the country.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray reviewed the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. This was his thirteenth review.

We regret to find that Alberta was not among the number.

M.W. Bro. William M. Christie .....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Thos. Mowbray .....Grand Secretary.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

123rd Annual.

Concord, May 15th, 1912.

A special communication of this Grand Lodge was held on Thursday June 22nd, 1911 for the purpose of participating in the celebration of the 175th anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, under this Grand Jurisdiction. The function was an exceedingly elaborate one. We congratulate the officers and members upon the long and successful career of their Lodge, in the interests of Freemasonry.

The semi-annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Manchester on Wednesday, December 27th, 1911. The principal object of this communication was apparently to exemplify the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, by the officers of three different subordinate Lodges, followed by criticism of the work by the Grand Lecturer.

M.W. Grand Master, Charles H. Wiggin expressed thanks to the three Lodges for the splendid manner in which they had discharged the work they had so cheerfully undertaken.

Two decisions given by Grand Master Wiggin will be of interest to the Craft.

"A dispensation was requested to elect a Junior Warden, the duly elected and installed Junior Warden having moved out of the State. The request for said dispensation was denied.

'No officer, duly elected or appointed and installed, can resign his office during the term thereof; nor shall his office become vacant from any cause except by death, expiration, or suspension.'

"A petitioner, after receiving a clear ballot and before the conferring of any degrees, was objected to, by a member of the Lodge to the Master privately. Afterwards the objections were withdrawn. Will another ballot be necessary or can the petitioner receive his degrees at once, **provided he** returns his fee and still wishes to enter?"

"The withdrawal of the objections can not be considered, any more than the withdrawal of a negative ballot cast in open Lodge. The petitioner stands rejected."

Grand Master Wiggin attended the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the independence of the Fraternity of Freemasons of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, on Monday Sept. 25th, 1911.

During his visit there he witnessed the laying of the corner stone of Grand Lodge Hall of the Masonic Home in the presence of an assemblage estimated at 10,000. With regard to this charitable institution he says:—

"I cannot refrain from telling you a bit of the story of this great charity—the great Masonic Home which the Masonic Fraternity of Pennsylvania is creating at Elizabethtown. The acreage of the tract of land selected for the Home is approximately one thousand, and originally comprised fifty-four independent parcels on which were thirteen sets of separate farm buildings and several private residences, the price paid being over \$134,000. When finished according to the designs, this will be one of the greatest establishments of its kind in the world. It will consist of a group of from eighty to ninety buildings and is planned for an ultimate population of about 700 persons. You can readily see that it means the establishing of a small Masonic village. Grand Lodge Hall, of pleasing Gothic style of architecture and over four hundred and twenty-seven feet long, will be the social centre of the Home. Here will be the administrative offices, living rooms for the official staff, the general dining hall and other provisions for the community life of the residents. Unmarried members of the Home will be provided with accommodations in cottage dormitories, and married couples in cottages planned for light housekeeping, where aged couples, unfortunate in the winter of life, can live unseparated, as in a home of their own. Broad thoroughfares laid in macadam, shady groves of many different varieties of trees and shrubbery settings, an independent water and sewer-

age system, central lighting and power-plant are complete or in progress of development. A one hundred thousand dollar chapel will be the gift of the Pittsburg brethren. Those already being cared for at the Home, as well as those who, as time advances, may follow, are known as 'guests' of the Grand Lodge. Regulations are neither known or mentioned. The only rules they are expected to observe are those which any guest would be expected to observe when visiting friends.

"A deceased brother has bequeathed \$1,000,000 for the 'establishment of an institution for the support and education of the male orphan children of Master Masons who were at the time of their decease members in good standing in some subordinate Lodge, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.' This institution will be combined in the same locality.

"Though lengthy, I have but briefly told the story. Could there be any better or grander way of distributing and dispensing Masonic charity? Truly this institution is the full fruition of Freemasonry in all its charitable possibilities."

From the excellent reports presented by the various D.D.G. M's. it is quite evident that the Grand Master was ably assisted in his duties by a staff of efficient Deputies.

The total membership of this Grand Lodge for the year 1912 was 10,480, being an increase of 122 over the former year.

There are 79 subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction 53 of which were represented at the Annual Communication.

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed by Bro. McAllister. It was received and ordered to be laid upon the table for the year:

"Every Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall pay to the Grand Secretary, the sum of three dollars for each and every candidate initiated in such Lodge, and an annual sum equal to seventy-five cents for each and every member thereof, two-thirds of which shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Masonic Home in the State of New Hampshire, in the month of May annually, to be used by said Masonic Home to provide and sustain a Home for destitute Freemasons and widows and orphans of Freemasons in the State of New Hampshire, and to pay its debts, and the other third, together with the money received for each candidate initiated, shall be used for the support of the Grand Lodge, and any Lodge that does not make correct returns and does not pay its annual dues and three dollars

for each candidate initiated, in such Lodge during the year ending April 15 in each year, to the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of May each year, shayy pay to the Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge, one dollar for each day that such neglect shall continue."

The proceedings for Alberta, 1911 were briefly reviewed by R.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney.

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Wiggin .....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney .....Grand Secretary.

## NEW JERSEY.

125th Annual.

Trenton, April 17th, 1912.

Five Emergent Communications were held during the year.

The Annual Communication was held in the City of Trenton on April 17th and 18th A.L. 5912, with M.W. Bro. Leslie A. Burrett, Grand Master in the Grand East.

The Grand Master in his annual address says:—

"Peace, Harmony and Good Will toward the entire Masonic world are ours, and within our borders no dissention exists."

May it ever be thus; this is the be-all and end-all of Freemasonry. The consummation of Freemasonry is the friendly federation of the world.

The Distric Deputy Grand Masters received hearty congratulations upon the thorough and efficient work done by them in their several districts:—

"Meeting regularly under the supervision of the R.W. Grand Instructor, they keep fresh and clear their knowledge of our standard work, and through the District Schools of Instructions, held weekly or fortnightly, disseminate that knowledge to the officers and brethren of the Lodges, so thoroughly as to make the well-posted condition of New Jersey Masons proverbial throughout the Masonic World.

"Add to this the assistance given in so many ways to the Grand Master, and the office becomes most important and arduous, bringing no reward other than the warm personal

regard of their Brethren, the satisfaction of work well done, and, in the case of the present staff, my highest commendation."

#### MEMBERSHIP.

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| Membership, January 1st, 1911 ..... | 33,004 |
| Raised .....                        | 2,331  |
| Affiliated .....                    | 318    |
| Restored .....                      | 98     |
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|                                     | 2,747  |
| Deceased .....                      | 495    |
| Dimitted .....                      | 260    |
| Suspended, N. P. D. ....            | 225    |
| Suspended, U. M. C. ....            | 2      |
| Expelled .....                      | 4      |
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|                                     | 986    |
| Net Gain .....                      | <hr/>  |
|                                     | 1,761  |

Membership, January 1st, 1912 ..... 34,855

The receipts during the past year from all sources was \$49,048.38.

We regret that lack of space forbids our quoting at some length from the very practical address delivered by M.W. Bro. Handy before the Grand Lodge fraternal recognition with the Grand Orient and Grand Lodge of where the work is done in the German language. The Grand Master speaks in eulogistic terms of the efficiency of the work performed by them.

A petition was presented from a number of brethren seeking authority to constitute a Lodge to work in the Italian language. Their petition was referred by the Grand Master to Grand Lodge for its consideration.

M.W. Bro. Richard C. Woodward .....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Benj. F. Wakefield .....Grand Secretary.

#### NEW MEXICO.

35th Annual.

Albuquerque, Oct. 21st, 1912.

Thirty-five chartered Lodges were represented at this Annual Communication. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present.



The Annual Address of Grand Master Walton is a carefully worded presentation of his official acts during his tenure of office. He states that Masonry in New Mexico has made satisfactory progress during the year, that peace and harmony prevail among the members and that there has been a substantial increase numerically and financially in the subordinate Lodges.

The total membership is 2,948, a net gain of 149 over the previous year. There are 40 chartered Lodges and two working under dispensation.

M.W. Bro. Jas. H. Wroth, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented an exhaustive report showing the reasons why the Grand Lodge of New Mexico is not in fraternal recognition with the Grand Orient and Grand Lodge of France, and also why the world-wide action of so many Symbolic Lodges towards these two Grand Bodies was what it is.

The following questions were sent to all the Symbolic Lodges of the world:—

“1st. Does your Grand Lodge grant fraternal recognition to the Grand Orient of France?

“2nd. Upon what grounds is such action based?

“3rd. Does your Grand Lodge grant fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of France?

“4th. Upon what grounds is such action based?

“5th. What are the requirements demanded by your Grand Lodge for recognition of other Grand Lodges?

“6th. Is non-recognition in the absence of a decree of non-intercourse, a bar to visitation by members of the unrecognized Grand Lodge?”

Eighty-six inquiries were made and sixty-eight replies received. Non-recognition of the Grand Orient of France is admitted by forty-six American Grand Lodges, with no reply from North Carolina and North Dakota.

The Grand Lodge of France is not recognized by forty-five American Grand Lodges, is recognized by one—Oregon; and is under consideration by another, with two Grand Lodge not replying.

Nineteen inquiries were made to English and Colonial Lodges with the following results: Non-recognition, 11, special Edict, 1, no reply 7.

Spanish Grand Lodges. Nine inquiries as follows: Non-recognition 3, no reply 6.

Continental Europe. Eighteen inquiries as follows: Non-recognition 1, recognition 4, no reply 13.

The curious part of recognition on the part of some of the German Lodges is the fact that while recognizing, they have not taken up "brotherly relations."

The reasons given for non-recognition were lack of belief in the Great Architect of the Universe and the banishment of the Bible from the Lodge room.

The answer to question five was very similar to that of question two:—

"The almost uniform proposition as regarding the formation of Grand Lodges of Symbolic Masonry has been a Belief in Deity, regular formation and the insistence upon the presence of the Great Light upon the Altar, together with, in Ameriran Jurisdictions, the element of absolute sovereignty within geographical limits. This last, however, is purely an Americanism and not applicable to other Jurisdictions."

The majority of opinions in answer to question six were in favor of the fact that non-recognition, even in the absence of a decree of non-intercourse, is necessarily a bar to visitation.

The following resolutions previously adopted by the Grand Lodge of England, with regard to such visitors, was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico:—

"That in view of the foregoing resolutions, the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, be directed not to admit any foreign brother as a visitor unless,

"First, he is duly vouched for, or unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., and,

"Second, not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential Landmark of the Order."

M.W. Bro. M. R. Williams .....Grand Master  
R.W. Bro. Alpheus A. Keen .....Grand Secretary.

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## NEW YORK.

131st Annual.

New York, May 7th, 1912.

Excellent photogravures of Rev. William Walter, D.D., First Grand Master, Atholl Warrant Grand Lodge of New York, 1781-2-3, and James Herring, Grand Secretary, 1829-1846, Founder of the Hall and Asylum Fund, adorn the front pages of the proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Robert J. Kenworthy, Grand Master in his opening remarks, asks a very pertinent question, and one well worthy of the careful consideration of every Mason who has the best interests of the Fraternity at heart. The questions is, "How can we cement the membership in our various Lodges and keep the other seventy-five per cent. of the men of our Craft active?" This is the burning question of the hour. It is unfortunate that so many men prominent in all the walks of life are not taking the interest in Masonry that they should. Masonry is worthy of the attention of the brightest intellects.

Sixteen pages of the proceedings tell us of the long roll of fellow laborers in the quarries of life who have been called to their reward.

The Grand Master's address is a very voluminous one and gives the reader a slight intimation of the enormous amount of work performed by Grand Master Kenworthy during the year.

There are 808 Lodges and 173,713 members in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We read with interest the account of the growth of the Utica Home and the noble work being done in this Home in the cause of humanity.

The membership on March 31, 1912 consisted of 197 men, 116 women, 54 boys and 67 girls, a total of 434.

The entire Home plant represents an investment of \$625,000. That sum includes the original cost of the property, the present replacement value of all buildings and additions thereto, and the equipment necessary for the operation of the entire plant.

During the eighteen years of its existence the cost of maintenance and operation aggregated about \$1,163,000. These figures show that it has cost the Craft for maintenance alone, on an average of \$64,600 per annum.

Notwithstanding this large outlay, it costs the individual member of this large Jurisdiction less than one per cent. per week for its maintenance.

R.W. Bro. Edwin A. Quick, Grand Historian in his Annual Report, presented a brief sketch of the origin and early life of thirty Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

The report includes a list of the Masters in each of these Lodges since they were instituted. Thus during the past ten years, the history of many of the Subordinate Lodges has been compiled, and in a few years the Grand Lodge of New York will have a concise history of every Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

Brief encouraging reports were presented by each of the forty-two District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Correspondence report was prepared by a Committee of three brethren. They quote freely from the Grand Master's address and note the leading facts concerning the growth, etc., of our Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Charles Smith .....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers .....Grand Secretary.

## NEW ZEALAND.

33rd Annual.

Dunedin, May 8th, 1912.

This Grand Lodge is comprised of one hundred and eighty-six active Lodges with an aggregate membership of 12,309.

There are a number of Lodges working under the English, Irish and Scottish Grand Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. Their officers and members were present in considerable numbers at this Grand Lodge Convocation, and were heartily welcomed by Grand Master C. J. W. Griffiths. We hope before many years that all the Lodges in New Zealand will be working under one Grand Lodge.

The Board of Benevolence called the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact, that many of the applicants for assistance were widows left with young children, whose husband and father carried no life insurance whatever, and they strongly suggested that Grand Lodge might consider the propriety of adding to the interrogatories addressed to candidates, a question bringing home to all Freemasons their duty in this respect.

The Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge reported that they had consulted Lodges upon the proposal to introduce the separate Bible system, and ascertained that the majority of Lodges are in favor of the suggestion. They decided upon a suitable

style of Bible, having distinctive outward features and gave an order for one thousand copies, which had been distributed to the Lodges. Owing to the increasing demand for these Bibles they had ordered another thousand and hoped to see the new system generally adopted.

The Grand Secretary reports a very successful year. He states that Grand Lodge is unique in its position of never having any of the Lodges chartered by it during the last twenty years, suspended for work. All active and vigorous, and that the numerous appeals made to the Lodges on behalf of benevolent funds, are always promptly and generously responded to. The Brethren of New Zealand have a world-wide reputation for their generosity towards the poor and needy.

The following rules were adopted with regard to the office of Grand Lecturer:—

“Grand Lecturers shall be appointed annually by the Grand Master.

“Each Grand Lecturer shall deliver not less than four lectures during his year of office, otherwise he shall not be entitled to Past rank.

“Grand Lecturers shall not be invested with any authority over, or powers of supervision in Lodges, and shall not interfere in any way with matters of ritual or etiquette, the lectures delivered being intended only for instruction regarding the ethics, symbolism, and history of Freemasonry.

“Grand Lecturers shall be entitled to payment of such legitimate expenses, when travelling in the exercise of their office, as may be approved by the Board of General Purposes.

“Copies of all lectures delivered by the Grand Lecturers shall be supplied by them to the Grand Secretary.”

The concluding words of the address of the newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice Thompson, are worthy of note. He says:—

“Our special work is in bringing together men of all stations and widely different ideas, who would not elsewhere meet on one common ground, helping them to discover each in the other, some good, and toning down those extremes in thought and opinion which, unpruned, tend towards intolerance to the views of others. If we do not literally see the lion and the lamb lie down together we see men of opposite views, if not of contending factions, meeting in the Lodge room and

the refectory. The Jew and the Gentile, the ardent religionist and the unattached, the staunch prohibitionist and the licensed victualler assist each other in our ceremonies and take their refreshments together, and all in a brotherly spirit which cannot fail to give to both a wider and better view of what is best in man, and to teach true charity."

The proceedings of sister Jurisdictions were ably reviewed by M.W. Bro. Alfred H. Burton, Alberta 1911 being among the number.

M.W. Bro. Maurice Thompson .....Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol .....Grand Secretary.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

125th Annual.

Raleigh, Jan. 9th, 1912.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present at the opening ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Brother Horace R. Dowell, representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was also present.

Grand Master Hackett's annual address is a lengthy document of unusual excellence and written in pure, strong English. It covers fully, every topic demanding his attention.

From it we quote this beautiful sentiment:—

"Let me do my work from day to day  
In fields or forests, at dusk or noon  
In roaring market place or tranquil room;  
Let me but find it in my heart to say  
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,  
This is my work, my blessin', not my doom,  
Of all who live, I am the one, by which  
This work can best be done, in the right way;  
Then shall I see it not too great nor small a task  
To suit my spirit and prove my powers;  
Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours,  
And cheerfully turn when the long shadows come,  
To play and love and rest,  
Because I know for me my work is best."

Grand Secretary John C. Drewry presented his Sixteenth Annual Report. He states that only 225 reports from the 405 Lodges in the State were in the hands of the Secretary on the 25th day of

November, the last day allowed under the Constitution. This he says is a very decided improvement over previous years. It is to be regretted that so many Grand Secretaries have to constantly complain about this delinquency. We would suggest that a fine be imposed on all Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges whose returns are not to hand by a certain date. This has been the practice in the Grand Lodge of Alberta with satisfactory results.

Fifteen or more Master Masons must sign a petition for the establishment of a new Lodge instead of seven as formerly.

An unwarranted practice, which is constantly growing, says the Grand Secretary, is that of excluding members for non-payment of dues, just before the report is made to Grand Lodge. This action is taken by the subordinate Lodge in order to save the expense of paying the per capita tax on any unprofitable member. A large majority of these excluded members are able to pay their dues and they are only temporarily excluded and are allowed to come back into the Lodge a few months later upon the payment of back dues. Thus Grand Lodge loses the per capita tax. Such delinquents should be severely dealt with by Grand Lodge.

Nearly one thousand Master Masons were excluded and withdrawn during the past Masonic year.

The total membership of the 402 Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is 21,479.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum, an institution maintained by this Grand Lodge, is doing excellent work. They are now caring for 325 children. The physician of the Asylum reports only one death in four years, that of a boy who was sick when received. This is a highly creditable record.

A bust of Samuel Johnston, first Grand Master and first United States Senator from North Carolina, was unveiled by the Grand Master.

Grand Orator Grady's address is printed in full in the proceedings. It is one of the best it has ever been my privilege to read. He concludes the address with these words:—

"In the true Masonic spirit, let us conclude the whole matter by the only Masonic prayer ever written by a profane. The author was a Roman Catholic, too broad for his church, but too weak to renounce it:—

"Father of all, in every age,  
In every clime adored:  
By Saint, by savage, and by sage—  
Jehovah, Jove, or Lord!

"Thou first Great Cause, least understood,  
Who all my sense confined,  
To know but this, that Thou art Good,  
And that myself am blind.

"Yet gave me in this dark estate,  
To know the good from ill;  
And binding Nature fast and fate,  
Left free the human will.

"What conscience dictates to be done,  
Or warns me not to do,  
This, teach me more than Hell to shun,  
That, more than Heaven pursue!

"What blessing Thy free bounty gives,  
Let me not cast away;  
For God is paid when man receives:  
To enjoy is to obey.

"Yet not to Earth's contracted span  
Thy goodness let me bound;  
Or think Thee Lord alone of man  
When thousand worlds are round.

"Let not this weak, unknowing hand,  
Presume Thy bolts to throw,  
And deal damnation round the land  
On each I judge Thy foe.

"If I am right Thy grace impart:  
Still in the right to stay;  
If I am wrong, O teach my heart,  
To find the better way.

"Save me alike from foolish pride,  
Or impious discontent,  
At aught Thy wisdom has denied,  
Or aught Thy goodness lent.

"Teach me to feel another's worry,  
To hide the fault I see;  
That mercy I to others show,  
That mercy show to me.

"Mean though I am, not wholly so,  
Since quickened by Thy breath;  
O, lead me wheresoe'er I go,  
Through this day's life or death.



"This day be bread and peace my lot;  
All else beneath the sun,  
Thou knowest if best bestowed or not;  
And let Thy will be done.

"To Thee, whose Temple is all space,  
Whose altar, earth, sea, skies,  
One chorus let all beings raise;  
All nature's incense rise."

M.W. Bro. William B. McKoy .....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. John C. Drewry .....Grand Secretary.

#### NORTH DAKOTA.

23rd Annual.

Minot, June 18th, 1912.

M.W. Bro. Robert Morrison in his annual address makes the following sympathetic reference to the sudden death of King Frederick VIII. of Denmark, a distinguished member of the Craft:—

"Among the distinguished Masons who have passed the Tyler of the Eternal Lodge above, probably there are none of greater distinction than King Frederick VIII. of Denmark, who died suddenly in Hamburg, Germany, while walking unattended at night in that city. The King was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. He was known as the most democratic king in Europe, and his death was genuinely mourned, not only by his people, but throughout the world. His son is the reigning sovereign of Norway. We have thousands of these Scandinavian people in our State, and many of our best known Masons are of this sturdy race. We, therefore, extend to them, and to the Masons of Denmark, our sincere sympathy."

Three Lodges were constituted, and the corner stones of four public buildings were laid by the Grand Master during the year.

Should the committee appointed by the W.M. to investigate the character of the applicant for initiation be a secret one?

Grand Master Morrison says:—

"I regard the secret committee as a very wise provision, adopted undoubtedly with the view of securing more accurate reports, and in the interest of the secrecy of the ballot. The

practice of appointing secret committees appears to be generally followed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction."

May the spirit of the following letter permeate every Grand Lodge throughout the world, and may they link hands and hearts with the good brethren of London, England and of North Dakota in bringing about a friendly federation of the nations of the earth.

The letter reads as follows:—

"THE INTERNATIONAL MASONIC CLUB,

"Tower House, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.

"March, 1912.

"To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

"Most Worshipful Sir and Brother :

"On behalf of the members of the International Masonic Club, we approach our brethren through their respective Grand Lodges throughout the world, in the confident hope that they will assist us in our Masonic efforts towards the furtherance of peace and good will among nations. With this end in view, we would be glad to enter into friendly and fraternal correspondence with you.

"We, Freemasons of British, American, Austrian, French, German, Italian, Hungarian, Swedish and Swiss birth, are living together in friendship and harmony in this great international City of London. Each one of us follows his pursuit in peaceable competition with his brother, friend and neighbor. We are at the same time, faithful subjects of our respective governments, sincere patriots, imbued with the deep love for the countries of our birth. This natural affection for our native lands, as well as for the country of our abode, and the fact that we recognize that some national interests are distinct and separate, in no degree prevent us from being animated by warm personal esteem and friendship for each other.

"We know, as well as individuals can know, the worth of the nations whom we represent, and also of the people among whom we live. We know, that while in every nation there are persons who are devoid of the wider patriotism which animates the Freemason, the majority of men desire to live in peace with their fellow-countrymen, as well as their fellowmen in other countries.

"There are no possible international differences which are not adjustable by friendly discussion, or which do not auto-

matically adjust themselves in the course of the mental and material development of the world. All advance of civilization takes place by slow and imperceptible degrees, and is impeded by violence in thought, word or deed.

"We grieve to think that, through causes over which the individual has no control, the interests of nations and their governments appear at times to diverge so widely, that uncontrolled and savage instincts find expression in thoughts of violence and bloodshed.

"We desire to record our abhorrence of such thoughts. They are foreign to the minds of the immense majority of persons in every nation. Especially as regards England, we know from intimate daily contact, that there is a deep rooted honest desire to live in friendship with the world and to follow the paths of peaceful labor and friendly competition.

"We would ask you, who in other countries surely share these desires and aspirations, to accept our collective and individual assurance, that we and those among whom we live are imbued with thoughts of peace and goodwill towards all nations, and we invite you to collaborate with us in spreading the same aspirations and desires among the brethren that look to you for guidance.

"We are of the opinion, that at no epoch in modern history could Freemasons exert their individual and collective influence for the preservation of peace, more nobly than at present, and never was the need more urgent.

"We ask you to unite with us in spreading the goodwill which binds the members of the International Masonic Club together, among our brethren in all countries and, through them, to influence those, who, in the interest of the people, control the fate of nations.

"We have the honor to be,

"Yours sincerely and fraternally,

"JOHN A. COCKBURN,  
"President.

"IMRE KIRALFY,  
"Chairman.

"E. ERNEST POCOCK,  
"Secretary."

The Committee on Good of the Order to whom was referred this communication reported as follows:—

"This Grand Lodge is in full sympathy with the movement of the International Masonic Club of London, in its efforts to promote peace and good-will among the nations of the earth, as was evidenced by the report of this Committee on the subject of the world's peace, at the last communication of this Grand Lodge. We recommend that this Grand Lodge enter into fraternal correspondence with the International Masonic Club of London, and in every way possible lend its aid to the movement, for the furtherance of peace and good-will among the nations."

In order to safeguard the charters of the Subordinate Lodges against loss by fire or otherwise, it was resolved to instruct all Secretaries to transmit to the Grand Secretary a typewritten copy of their respective charters, to be kept on file by Grand Lodge, and that such a copy be kept of all future charters issued.

The Masonic Veterans' Association met on the evening after the close of Grand Lodge. This Association has a membership of eighty. Any Master Mason in good standing and a resident of the State, who has been a Master Mason for twenty-one years is eligible to active membership. Masons of fifty years standing are admitted to honorary membership without fee.

The main object of the Association is to locate, register and unite into closer union the veterans of the Order.

Similar organizations have been formed in many of our sister Jurisdictions south of the 49th parallel of latitude.

The Foreign Correspondence report was prepared by Past Grand Master J. W. Foley. Alberta is reviewed without especial comment.

M.W. Bro. William E. Hoover.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell.....Grand Secretary.

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## OHIO.

103rd Annual.

Toledo, Oct. 23rd, 1912.

Nineteen Past Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Ohio by M.W. Bro. Thomas B. Guitteau, Grand Master.

518 Lodges were represented out of a total number of 524 Chartered Lodges.

A Masonic Glee Club, composed of Masons only, rendered selections during the Convocation.

Grand Master Guitteau stated that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and that new temples and halls had been fitted up in every section of the State. He cautioned the brethren to bear in mind that the strength of the fraternity is not always measured by the increase in numbers, and that they should never lose sight of the beautiful tenets of our Institution, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Twenty-five district Lecturers inspected the work in their various districts during the year; they were complimented for the zeal and efficiency displayed while discharging these onerous duties.

Since the revision of the Ritual and the adoption of the System of District Lecturers, a large per cent. of the Inspection of Lodges has been made in the Master Mason's Degree, with the result that the Grand Master reports a remarkable proficiency existing in that degree, while the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees have, in a measure, been neglected. He instructed the District Lecturers to inspect the Lodges, if possible in the Entered Apprentice Degree, and expressed the hope that his successor would request that the inspection be made in the Fellow Craft Degree, thus inspecting each degree once in three years.

M.W. Bro. Kissell, P.G.M., was presented with a Past Grand Master's Jewel in the presence of about five hundred brethren of his native city.

Six dispensations were granted to establish new Lodges during the year.

Grand Master Guitteau during his term of office visited thirty-one Lodges, and personally conducted the services at the laying of seven corner stones, the dedication of three Masonic Halls, and the consecration of two Lodges.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. David N. Kinsman, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, near the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and welcome Bro. John P. McCune as his successor.

The Grand Lodge Library consists of about two thousand volumes of general Masonic works, and eleven thousand, five hundred volumes of Proceedings of all the Grand Bodies of the world.

Photographs of a number of Masonic Temples appear in the Annual Proceedings. We congratulate the Masons of Ohio upon having so many handsome structures.

Grand Secretary Bromwell was presented with a beautiful office desk and revolving chair, as a token of appreciation for the services rendered by him in the examination and correction of about five hundred sets of By-Laws.

The Committee on Masonic History reported that they had prepared the History of the Grand Lodge from 1844 to 1909, a period of sixty-five years, and covering with Volume I. the first one hundred years of the proceedings of Grand Lodge. They are collecting the necessary data to complete their work, and requested that an appropriation of two thousand dollars be made for the purpose of printing and binding these volumes.

A dinner was tendered by M.W. Bro. Burdick, the senior living Past Grand Master, to his associate Past Grand Masters, the M.W. Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary, on the evening preceding the opening of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Nelson Williams was voted \$350 for his labors as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

He reviewed seventy-two proceedings and his report covered one hundred and ninety pages.

Two pages were devoted to a review of Alberta, 1912.

Bro. Williams thinks it was a mistake for the Grand Lodge of Alberta to grant authority to Subordinate Lodges to incorporate, but does not state his reasons for thinking so.

M.W. Bro. Edwin S. Griffiths.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell.....Grand Secretary.

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## OREGON.

62nd Annual.

Portland, June 12th, 1912.

The sixty-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Portland, June 12th, 1912. Thomas M. Baldwin, Grand Master, occupied the Grand East.

Among the representatives of foreign Jurisdictions we are pleased to note that Bro. H.L. Pittock, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was present.

Grand Master Baldwin was asked this interesting question with regard to permitting the ladies of the Eastern Star to take part in a Masonic funeral:—

"Is it a violation of any Masonic law to allow the ladies of the Eastern Star, as an organization, to take part jointly in the funeral service by occupying one side of the hollow square at the grave, and depositing the flowers into the grave, after the Masons have deposited the sprig of acacia?

"I would grant to the Eastern Star every privilege not inconsistent with the law and established customs of Masonry, but as the burial of a brother is strictly Masonic work, and as the Lodge is at labor during the whole service, it is not proper or permissible to permit any one not a Mason to take part in the funeral ceremonies, except the clergy.

"I hold that a Subordinate Lodge conducting a funeral service may invite (or permit to join in the funeral procession) other societies, or appendant orders, to act as escort, whose position shall be assigned by the Lodge conducting the ceremonies. The Order of the Eastern Star might be invited to join in the procession and to render its beautiful and impressive funeral service at the close of the Masonic ceremonies."

The last sentence of this ruling was not concurred in, subsequently, by Grand Lodge.

We heartily concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master with regard to the formation of associations composed of the principal officers of the Subordinate Lodges in any one locality.

This is what he says about such a formation:—

"I would recommend for consideration the forming of associations composed of Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of all localities where two or more Lodges are within easy access of each other. Such associations to effect regular organization, and to adopt rules for their government, providing for monthly meetings, or as often as might be thought wise or expedient, at which any and all matters pertaining to Masonry might be taken up and discussed, and papers prepared on same, and a general study given to Masonic subjects. I believe, too, in the potential influence of good Masonic literature. All Masons should be reading Masons. All should acquire the habit; not because it is a duty, but because it is the highest form of recreation. A study of the literature, which has grown up and become a part of our great institution, is one of the most interesting by-paths into which the mind may wander. Familiarity with such subjects, far from breeding contempt, inspires reverence and respect, love and loyalty."

There are one hundred and twenty-seven Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, having a total membership of 11,410. This is a net gain of 574 during the last eight months.

The Grand Secretary recommends the adoption of a card index system of membership. Such a system is now being used by the majority of Grand Lodges.

The members of Grand Lodge were fortunate in having met during the time of the Rose Festival held in the City of Portland.

Portland is certainly a City of Roses, and one of the most beautiful cities on the continent, which it has been our pleasure to visit.

R.W. Bro. D. P. Mason, is the author of the foreign correspondence report, which is an excellent one. Three pages are devoted to a complete review of Alberta, 1911.

We desire to thank our good brother for the many kind words of congratulation extended by him to our Grand Lodge officials.

M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Burnett.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Jas. F. Robinson.....Grand Secretary.

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## PENNSYLVANIA.

126th Annual.

December 27, 1912.

Excellent photos of the beautiful Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, and of Grand Master William L. Gorgas, adorn the front pages of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

On May 23rd, 1912, a special communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Philadelphia, for the purpose of instructing the Craft in the work of the three degrees. Cordial invitations were extended to the President of the United States, Bro. William Howard Taft, a member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, Ohio, and to His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England and Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, to be present on this auspicious occasion. Owing to pressing duties in Canada the Duke of Connaught was unable to be present, but sent his warmest fraternal greetings to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Grand Master Gorgas, after opening Grand Lodge, proceeded to make a Mason at sight in the presence of President Taft. He opened an Entered Apprentice Masons' Lodge and conferred the first degree of Freemasonry upon Marlin Edgar Olmsted. The Lodge was closed and



a Fellow Craft Masons' Lodge was opened when Bro. Olmsted was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason. The Lodge was again closed and a Master Masons' Lodge opened, when Bro. Olmsted was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. At the close of the ceremony Bro. Taft, President of the United States, briefly addressed the assembled brethren.

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held, at which much important business was transacted

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has had a very prosperous year. The net increase during the year was 4,516. The total membership of the 486 Lodges on Dec. 27th, 1912, was 105,242.

The receipts of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year amounted to \$527,502.63.

This Grand Lodge is the fortunate recipient of a number of handsome bequests. The income from these and other sources has been invested in a Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, which is the pride of every Mason of this prosperous State. Three hundred and forty-eight varieties of trees and shrubbery are to be found on the grounds of this beautiful home. It affords ample accommodation for 175 persons.

The Library and Museum of this Grand Lodge is said to be the greatest storehouse of Masonic lore in America, and fully on a par with any similar collection abroad. It contains about 11,400 volumes exclusive of the 35,000 volumes of Proceedings of Masonic Grand Bodies from all parts of the world. The collection of Masonic antiquities, relics, medals and curios is also one of the largest and most interesting in the world.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Bro. James M. Lamberton. Owing to his being engaged in other Masonic duties and subsequently to a serious illness our Brother Reviewer was unable to complete the duties of that important office. Seven proceedings were carefully reviewed by him and we are pleased to find Alberta among the number. We appreciate the kind reference made to our work of last year, from which several quotations were made. We hope that our good brother has fully recovered from his illness and that we will have the pleasure of perusing a complete report from him next year.

M.W. Bro. William L. Gorgas .....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. John A. Perry.....Grand Secretary.

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## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

37th Annual.

Alberton, June 26, 1912.

A portrait of Bro. B. Wilson Higgs, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island for many years, appears on the front page of the Proceedings.

M.W. Bro. H. C. McDonald, Grand Master, occupied the Grand East.

R.W. Bro. Geo. B. McNatt, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was present and took an active part in the proceedings.

The Grand Master in his annual address expresses his pleasure at the happy circumstances, which caused H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, a member of the Royal House of Britain, to come to Canada as Governor-General, and also because he has graced the oriental chair of the United Grand Lodge of England, since the accession to the throne of his brother, the late King Edward VII.

Two dispensations were granted to confer degrees without waiting the constitutional time. No reasons were given.

There are 16 Chartered Lodges and one under dispensation in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The present membership is 741, an increase of 4 over that of last year.

The Report of the Correspondence Committee is rather unique. Its introductory paragraph will explain my meaning:—

“Again your committee on Foreign Correspondence present their report, without apology for its containing no review of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions; well knowing that no such review is expected or desired. To the committee there is a great temptation to respond to some of the friendly criticisms and occasional strictures of the ‘Knights of the Round Table,’ but its duty lies in furnishing the services desired by you, rather than indulging in wandering in paths of its own choosing.”

M.W. Bro. John T. Profit.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. P. Doull.....Grand Secretary.

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## QUEBEC.

42nd Annual.

Montreal, Feb. 14th, 1912.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held the 14th day of October, 1911, in the Masonic Temple, Dorchester Street, Montreal, for the purpose of proceeding to Mount Royal Cemetery, and there unveiling the monument erected by the Grand Lodge to the memory of the late Lieut.-Col. John Helder Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for 32 years; and Honorary Past Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Rev. Frank Charters, Grand Master, after the preliminary exercises on unveiling the monument, gave a short address. The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John E. Wright, deposited a floral Past Grand Master's emblem on the base of the monument, on behalf of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Senior Past Master of Montreal-Kilwinning Lodge, No. 20, likewise placed a floral emblem on behalf of that Lodge, and V.W. Bro. Wm. Percival, Senior Past Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 12, one on behalf of his Lodge, the late Brother having held the Master's chair in both of these Lodges.

Grand Master Rev. Frank Charters, D.C.L., in the introductory portion of his address, makes the following reference to the advent to Canada of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught:—

"One of the important and very interesting events of the past year, was the advent of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, as Canada's first Royal Governor. The people of Canada appreciate highly the fact he is the son of the ever-to-be-revered Queen Victoria, and the brother of our late King Edward VII., to this is added to our interest as Masons the fact that he is the reigning Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge of England. As citizens and Masons we extend to him a most loyal and cordial greeting."

With respect to the lamented death of Bro. W. J. Hughan, a world-famous Masonic Historian, he says:—

"R.W. Bro. William J. Hughan, England's famous historian, and an Honorary Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, died at his home in Torquay, England, in May last. His death is a decided loss to the Craft the world over. His life was spent in tracing out the early history of our Craft, and the resurrection of many of the old-time ancient Charges and Regulations was due to his persistent research. He was a strong supporter and admirer of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who was delighted to do him honor thirty years ago."

A committee of six distinguished Masons was appointed by Grand Lodge at its last Session to revise the Ritual and Installation Service. This committee states that this Ritual is intended to be a sermon to edify and instruct the candidate, rather than a spectacle to entertain the brethren.

A new Lodge has lately been formed in London, England. It is composed of Canadians and named "Canada Lodge."

Grand Master Charters noted this event in his annual address, and cabled his congratulations.

The receipts and membership of this Grand Lodge were compared during the past ten years. The returns of the year 1902 showed a membership of 4,019, while the present roll stands at 7,021, a net gain of 3,000 members, or seventy-five per cent. The receipts for 1902 were \$3,161.00; this year they amount to \$8,558.50, nearly \$5,400.00 more, or 171 per cent. of an increase.

M.W. Bro. Rev. Frank Charters, D.C.L...Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Will H. Whyte.....Grand Secretary.

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#### RHODE ISLAND.

121st Annual.

Providence, May 20, 1912.

An Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Providence on Thursday, November 28th, 1911, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of M.W. Bro. James Bacon Gay, Grand Master of this Jurisdiction.

R.W. Bro. W. R. Davis presided at the laying of the cornerstone of the Town Hall and Court House by the officers of Grand Lodge. During the programme of the ceremonies, Bro. Herbert A. Rice delivered an eulogy on Masonry. We take the liberty of quoting it in part:—

"The institution was centuries old when King Solomon built his temple. The workmen were so organized under the regulations of the order, and the labor so distributed, that the most perfect harmony and brotherhood prevailed. The gorgeous splendor and ornamentation, there displayed, marked the great Hiram Abiff as the master builder and artificer of his time. After the completion of the Temple, many of the workmen travelled into foreign lands to pursue their calling, even to Byzantium, Florence and Granada. When the Holy

City was sacked by the Babylonians, and the famous Temple destroyed, thousands of the children of Israel, the descendants of the workmen of King Solomon, were driven into captivity to Babylon, and there for generations their labor and skill were employed in constructing and ornamenting those wonderful buildings which gave that famous city of old, the reputation of being the mistress of the world. When Cyrus, the Persian King, freed them from their captivity, fifty thousand journeyed back to Jerusalem, and many a skilled artisan passed on into Egypt and the southern portions of Europe. Then the spread of Freemasonry became rapid. At Rome the brethren, as fraternities of builders, enjoyed the exclusive privilege of constructing the sacred temples and public edifices, and they were attached to the Roman legions and followed their victorious banners in the East and beyond the Alps into Gaul, and Spain, and ancient Britain. They constructed military roads, bridges, fortifications and aqueducts, and erected magnificent monuments and temples and triumphal arches to impress upon the subjugated peoples the glory and power of imperial Rome. Later, during the middle ages, came the centuries of cathedral building. This movement was widespread throughout western Europe, and in time produced those vast and imposing examples of ecclesiastic architecture that are the wonder and admiration of our own age.

"When one stands within the lofty and stately sanctuaries at Westminster Abbey, or at York or Lincoln, Salisbury or Winchester, in England, or at Strasburg or Cologne, in Germany or at Amiens, Rouen or Beauvais, in France, or at Milan in Italy, he must not forget in his contemplation of their beauty, proportion and magnitude, that those famous cathedrals are also a lasting memorial of the matchless skill and devotion of our ancient brethren in operative Masonry. And as they are their memorial, so they are our proud Masonic heritage.

"While architecture was primarily its special field, Freemasonry did not confine its speculations in later years to that particular branch of knowledge. There was a moral refinement that grew from the builders' profession. Its spirit was progressive. Freemasonry shrank from neither scientific nor philosophical research, but asserted the native freedom of the mind to all God's truths. This attitude served to draw within their fold the best educated men of the time, and all those who believed in the right of freedom of thought. In this way the skilled in the arts and sciences and professions, other than architecture, were admitted to membership, and gradually the fraternity broadened its scope to adjust itself to changed conditions. It then ceased to be operative, ceased to be economic;

but it retained the implements of the craft, the Square and the Compasses, the Level and the Plumb, as symbolical illustrations of ethical truths. Since then it has had its votaries in every profession, in every calling—for there is that in its teaching that meets the needs of men in every condition of life.

“Associations of men formed for political, economic or social purposes fulfil their mission and go their way. They may help solve some problem of the day, they may meet some transitory issue, or engage in some movement of protest or reform. They are especially serviceable in shaping and adjusting the conditions of life in this rapidly moving age. When, however, the problem of the moment has been solved, when the vexed issue has been determined, or the voice of protest heard and heeded, there is no longer reason or justification for their further existence, and they pass into history. When on the other hand, we regard the institution of Freemasonry and recall that its foundations were laid at a period antedating the bounds of history, we must conclude that time has tried out its fitness, and that it has a mission that is more than temporal. That conclusion is strengthened when we also recall the bitter opposition it has encountered and overcome. In spite of all, Masonry has progressed, flourished and spread throughout the entire world.”

The ladies of the Eastern Star entertained the members of Grand Lodge at lunch.

The total number of members on April 30, 1912, was 8,117, a net increase of 306 during the year.

The total receipts for the year by the Grand Secretary were \$4,701.00.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at \$900 per annum, payable quarterly.

The Commissioners of Trials reported, that no matters have been referred to them for consideration. This speaks well for the good conduct of the brethren of Rhode Island.

The Committee on Ritual reported that they had made certain changes in the work, and recommended that more explicit instructions as to the floor movements in the working of the degrees be given therein.

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

M.W. Bro. Wendell Richmond Davis....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. S. Penrose Williams.....Grand Secretary.

## SASKATCHEWAN.

6th Annual.

Prince Albert, June 19th, 1912.

The Sixth Annual Communication, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, was held in the Masonic Temple, Prince Albert, on the nineteenth day of June, 1912, with M.W. Bro. William Hopkins, Grand Master, on the throne.

After Grand Lodge was declared open in Ample Form, W. Bro. M. W. Morton, Mayor of the City of Prince Albert, was introduced, and extended hearty greetings, on behalf of the citizens of Prince Albert, to the annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Hopkins and R.W. Bros. Gorrell and Willoughby replied on behalf of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master in his annual address says:—

“It is a pleasure to me to announce that this Grand Lodge continues to prosper. The increased membership of the past year has been astonishing, and I am led to believe that with but few exceptions, the very best men in the Province are being received into our institution. I believe that the moral teachings of Masonry are having an effect on not only the Masons of our Province, but on the citizens as well. It is not to be wondered that Masonry is increasing in our great country, and apart from Masonry, our Province is increasing and developing with greater strides than any other part of the Dominion. It must be gratifying to us to know that we are living in such a favored section of the universe, and we trust that while our prosperity continues we will not forget those who are in need of our aid and benevolence.

“Last year we had a total of 83 Lodges, 65 under charter and 18 under dispensation. We now have a total of 94 Lodges, 77 under charter and 17 under dispensation. Our membership last year was about 4,000. It is at the present time 4,500, and it should be gratifying to the Grand Lodge to know that we are making such rapid progress.”

A Lodge of instruction for District Deputies was held in the City of Regina on the 20th day of September, 1911, under the direction of R.W. Bro. Gorrell, Deputy Grand Master. All the District Deputies were present. Instruction was given in the secret work of the Three Degrees and the rulings of M.W. Bro. Tate thoroughly explained.

This practice might well be adopted by all Grand Lodges and thus insure uniformity of work throughout their Jurisdictions.

Lodges of Instruction were held in all the districts except one.

With regard to the necessity of holding Lodges of Instruction the Grand Master in his address says:—

“Owing to the fact that so many new members are coming into our Province from different Grand Lodge Jurisdictions throughout the world, some having one work and some another, there is a tendency to bring into our work numerous irregularities, and while we have no quarrel with rites, nor claim our own to be perfect, yet we insist that the work adopted by this Grand Jurisdiction must be carried out. Where we find this most, is where a new Lodge is instituted and the brethren are not thoroughly posted in the work, and they have with them possibly a Past Master from some other Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, to whom they look for guidance. It is, in cases such as this, that many irregularities are brought into our work, and I do not think there is anything so much needed in the different districts, as Lodges of Instruction. After my election to office, I requested each of the D. D.’s to hold Lodges of Instruction in their districts. This I believe has been carried out with the exception of District No. 3, and has, I am sure, been of great benefit to Masonry in the Province. I trust that the G.M., who will have the honor to follow me, will in every way endeavour to see that Lodges of Instruction are held in every district in the Province.”

Grand Master Hopkins does not approve of the idea of each Lodge taking its turn in the selection of District Deputy Grand Master. He feels that the most qualified brother in the district should at all times be chosen to this office regardless of the Lodge to which he belongs, even if it necessitates the selection of a brother from one Lodge continuously.

This Grand Lodge has a very creditable Benevolent Fund amounting to \$4,604.93.

Warrants were issued to twelve Lodges and Dispensations to six Lodges during the year.

Sister Grand Lodge proceedings were ably reviewed by R.W. Bro. Arthur S. Gorrell, who was elected Grand Master of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. He quotes at considerable length from the address of our Grand Master M.W. Bro. Dunlop.

M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. John M. Shaw.....Grand Secretary.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

28th Annual.

Adelaide, April 17th, 1912.

The Board of General Purposes report that during the past half-year, five Lodges have been instituted; and that in every instance the greatest enthusiasm has been evinced by the brethren founding these Lodges, and there is ample evidence that success will attend these latest additions to the Roll of Lodges.

Thirty Masonic Halls have been erected in the suburbs and country, and it is expected that several more will be built during the year.

Quoting from the Report, it states:—

“It will thus be seen that for the period under review the prosperity of the Craft has been well maintained; it is still making rapid strides, and its sphere of activity is continually being extended.

“To give some illustration of its internal activity, in the months of June, July and August, over 250 Grand Lodge Certificates were applied for, and issued. This is a greater number than has been issued each year (with the exception of 1910) since the inauguration of Grand Lodge. Again Grand Lodge dues have been paid better this year than they have ever been before—within six weeks of the accounts being rendered over £1,200 was paid, and in one week £350 was received. This would appear to be a silent, but eloquent, testimony that the Lodge Secretaries appreciate the innovation of annual returns as against the old custom of making them half-yearly. It is also plainly evident that Worshipful Masters have welcomed the suggestion of presenting a V.S.L. to each candidate on his initiation, as in six months over 400 copies have been issued.”

The Grand Secretary's salary was increased to £400 per annum. A special committee was appointed to revise the Constitution, and have the same printed.

At a Special Communication held on Nov. 30th, 1911, it was pointed out that before Grand Lodge could acquire property it would be necessary to make provision in the Constitution, for the appointment of Trustees of Grand Lodge, and the following recommendations were adopted:—

“(1) That the Constitution be amended, so as to provide for the appointment of Grand Lodge Trustees, with provisions as to vacancies in the office and the filling of the same.

"(2) That all real and personal property and all funds of Grand Lodge, including the Benevolent Fund, be vested in the Grand Lodge Trustees.

"(3) That the Trustees, acting under the Declaration of Trust of 18th January, 1894, be asked to accept the position of Trustees of Grand Lodge."

There are 68 Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, having a total membership of 4,100.

A motion was duly moved and seconded that the following words be added to Clause 22 of the Constitution, viz: "And no Grand Officer (the Grand Master, Pro-Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Tyler excepted) shall hold the same office more than two years consecutively."

After considerable discussion the motion was negatived.

M.W. Bro. His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel James Way, Bart., P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., was re-elected for the twenty-second time as Grand Master.

"During the year, indigent Freemasons and widows of Freemasons, of various Lodges, to the number of twenty-seven, have received periodical relief from this fund to the extent of £450 6s.

"From the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund petitioners have been relieved to the extent of £329 3s. 6d., and the sum of £36 5s. 0d. has been paid as donations to charitable institutions."

We congratulate our Australian brethren on the noble work being done by them, in relieving the distressed widow and orphan. This is the best index of true Masonic growth among the Brotherhood.

Bro. J. R. Robertson, Grand Inspector of Lodges, recommends the formation of libraries; the giving of addresses on evenings, when there is no ceremonial work to be done, and the holding of a Past Masters' night once a year, as conducive to the maintenance of active interest in Lodge work.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was prepared by a committee of fourteen members. Alberta, 1911, was very briefly reviewed by Bro. A. J. Adams.

He concludes by remarking:—

"No Foreign Correspondence and hardly any material except statistics."

Fortunately our Committee of Grievances and Appeals and Benevolence had little to report, in this law-abiding and prosperous country, and it has never been our custom to make a verbatim report, in the proceedings, of the discussion which takes place on any question before Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. E. B. Grundy.....Pro-Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Charles R. J. Glover.....Grand Secretary.

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### SOUTH CAROLINA.

136th Annual.

Charleston, Dec. 10, 1912.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was held at Bowman, for the purpose of publicly installing the officers of this Lodge.

Two Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones; and one for the purpose of interring, with Masonic rites, the remains of their deceased Past Grand Master, James Ferdinand Islar.

Grand Master Mower received a request to lay a corner-stone on the Sabbath Day, and replied, stating that under the Masonic law a Communication could not be held on the Sabbath, for the purpose of work or any business, excepting funeral occasions and cases of charity.

He also ruled that a member who has taken the Capitular Degrees of Past Master and Royal Arch, but who has never served the Lodge as W.M., is not entitled to be present when the Past Master's Degree is being conferred on a newly elected Master.

The brethren of South Carolina have on hand a fund amounting to \$73,000, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a Masonic Home, as soon as they have sufficient funds to warrant this undertaking.

A committee was appointed to complete a history of the Grand Lodge, taking up the work where it was left off by the noted Masonic writer, Mackey.

An appropriation of one hundred dollars was made to purchase a membership on the Roll of Honor of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Secretaries of private Lodges must have their annual returns and dues in the hands of the Grand Secretary before a certain fixed date, under penalty of ten per cent. of the amount due.

The Foreign Correspondence report was prepared by M.W. Bro. J. L. Mickie, P.G.M.

It contains a carefully prepared digest of sixty-seven Grand Lodge proceedings. His concluding remarks show that he has selected the most important questions agitating the minds of the various Grand Lodges. His conclusions are sound and meet with the approval of the writer.

M.W. Bro. George S. Mower.....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. O. Frank Hart.....Grand Secretary.

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### SOUTH DAKOTA.

38th Annual.

Deadwood, June 11th, 1912.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. Charles L. Brockway, Grand Master, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Edward Ashley.

In the concluding paragraph, of the historic sketch of Grand Master Brockway, we read:—

“Brother Brockway has made a record second to none during his term of office, having visited every Lodge within the jurisdiction, inspiring and enthusing the members until the climax was reached at Deadwood, by the largest attendance of any meeting since the organization of the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the fact that many of the delegates came a distance of nearly five hundred miles.”

Eleven Emergent Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year, three of which were for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

The Returns of the Lodges show a gain in membership of approximately eight hundred, or about eight per cent. Remembering the conditions produced by the extended drouth of last season, the failure of crops and other adverse circumstances, this increase was considered remarkable.

Grand Master Brockway in his address says:—

“More and more it is being borne in upon us that Masonry is something vastly more serious and important than mere forms and ceremonies. The cardinal virtues and excellent tenets are more than words. They are principles by

which human conduct may be guided with safety. The brotherhood of emulation for the best and noblest under the inspiration of the Fatherhood of the Infinite is a real inspiration for each to become a true craftsman.

"I have found that the young and earnest men among the members are being advanced to places of responsibility and influence in the Lodges. Everywhere they show a strong ambition to be worthy of the trust reposed. They take up the burdens of the work earnestly and intelligently to do the best work in every department. Without departing from the ancient land-marks they attempt to infuse life and vigor into whatever they undertake. The brethren of one Lodge have organized a club among the members, the purpose of which is to make a systematic study of the history, symbolism and philosophy of Masonry. I commend their example to others. As a rule the best informed Mason will be found most interested in all that relates to the welfare of the Lodge and its members.

"I cannot pass from this thought without remembering, and calling attention to the fact that in every Lodge will be found the veterans of twenty, yes, even fifty years of membership, still regularly in their places at meetings of the Lodges, serving as secretaries, tylers or pro tem for absentees in every station, or resting on the side lines, intent and eagerly following the work or business of the Lodge."

The oration delivered by Bro. M. F. Montgomery is an excellent one and we take the liberty of copying it in full:—

"In the Academy at Florence the greatest gem is Michael Angelo's gigantic statue of David—his masterpiece! What is its history? There was at Florence, Vasari tells us, in the House of Works, at Santa Maria del Fiore, an immense block of marble in which Simone da Fiesole had commenced a colossal figure; the work had been so grievously injured that it had been abandoned. Michael Angelo measured the mass to ascertain what sort of figure he could draw from it, and accommodating himself to the attitude demanded by the limitations of the spoiled block of marble, he produced from it the great statue of David, of which Vasari says, 'Truly may we affirm that this statue surpasses all others, whether ancient or modern.' Study, mark, learn and inwardly digest the possibilities in the soul.

"What wonderful possibilities our naturalists are showing us are contained in the whole order of plant life; possibilities of which we had never dreamed before. 'For centuries,' says Dr. Hillis, 'we have supposed that the flowers, fruits and grains

were made as God intended them to be; indeed, when the first experiments upon the tulips and wild asters were undertaken, some said that it was a sin, because if God had wanted tulips to be double and have different colors, God would have made them that way. But scientists in Holland, and Burbank in California, and a thousand others are standing over the grains and whispering, "Ye must be born again." The scientist has touched the wild aster and it has become the chrysanthemum. He has touched the black tulip and it has become a flower of many hues and quadruple size. He has whispered to the little field daisy, and it has become the shasta daisy. He has touched the wild sloe, and it has become a luscious plum. He has touched the bitter orange, and lo, it has lost its seed, doubled its sweetness and quadrupled its size. And today the whole world over is on the tiptoe of expectancy.'

"In the realm of fruit or flower, nothing now seems impossible. The stakes have been loosened and the cords lengthened. An immense universe of possibilities is opened up. The grass, the cactus, the fruit, the grain must be born again.

"The chisel upon the rock produces many great and marvelous results. The master with skill turns the dead canvas into lustre, light and beauty. We stand in wonder and amazement as we behold the power that turns the clod of earth into the luscious peach; the seed into the gorgeous flower; the helpless infant into the strength of manhood. But neither art or nature knows any transformation like unto the wonder, when from the low conditions of life, God transforms man into those higher moods, where selfishness gives place to self-sacrifice; coarseness to sweetness and hardness to gentleness and love. And when perfection dwells in man, as ripeness dwells in fruit and maturity in harvest.

"Now all this development, this advance, this growth, is Masonry, Masonry teaches the divine truth, recorded in the book of Genesis, that God made man out of the dust of the earth, and then took this 'rough ashlar' type of man and breathed into him the breath of divine life and man became a living soul.

"The work begins at the quarry, and from the quarry is produced the 'rough ashlar' and the 'rough ashlar' developed into the 'perfect ashlar'—good work, true work, square work.

"Masonry represents the latent possibilities in man, under the symbolism of the cube of perfection, in a dark, dismal vault, surrounded by imperfection, gloom and obscurity. Like this earth of ours in winter, laden with roots and seeds, held bound and chained the grip of ice and snow, waiting for the

generating warmth of summer's sun, so man filled with the roots and seeds of immense growth and development only awaits the generating warmth and truths of Masonry.

"In the middle ages the Bible was chained and locked in a closet, and once a year, with great pomp and ceremony was opened and read, and so man goes up and down the world like an unopened book; like a chest of jewels, iron-bound and locked; like a handful of seeds unplanted.

"Masonry, as the apostle and evangel of God, brings to the world for humanities benefit, the divine message—"Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee." And, as the sun lifts up and draws unto itself the moisture from sea and land, in order that it may return in recreating rain, rejuvenating the face of the parched earth, so, O, man! if thou wilt allow thyself to be 'Raised' by the Son of Righteousness, 'Raised' from your low, dark, 'rough ashlar' condition, from which no earthly power could 'raise' you, as was proven by the symbols of earthly power, in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft grip, 'Raised' by divinity coming in touch with you through the strong grip of the 'Lion of the Tribe of Judah,' so may you, through this union with God, carry on the creative work until you make the desert blossom as a rose.

"The induction of divinity into fallen man which 'raises' him from his earthly condition, to a new birth into divinity, through the medium of Him who is typified as the 'Lion of the Tribe of Judah' in the Lion's paw grip is well illustrated by one who says—"Here is a drop of water, the little drop is restless. It sparkles on the blade of grass like a jewel. But the drop moans, "I am only a drop of water. I am colorless; water is so thin." And so it complains the long night through. At last it sinks away into the soil, and is lost. But just then the Father Sun draws near to it, whispers to the drop, "You must be born again, I will send the living root to take you up into itself. By my might I will draw you on and up into this living tree until you reach the fruit on the end of the branch." And now something happens. The little drop of water passes through this new birth, and lo, it appears in the crimson drop of a red cherry. Yesterday the drop was colorless, now it is red with life. Yesterday it was thin; today it is rich with blood, and glorious with beauty.

"What changed this watery flow into the rich red of the cherry? It is the new birth of that which was dead, coming in contact with the living root, even as man of the earth, earthly, comes into contact with the omnipotence of God, through the strong grip of Him who was typified by the "stone which the builders rejected," and which was absolutely neces-

sary for the completion of the Temple and 'became the head of the corner.'

"That scientist was wrong, who said that nature's greatest achievement was a shepherd dog bred forth from a wolf, and the St. Bernard developed from the timber wolves of the Ural mountains. Is not Saul of Tarsus, bigoted and full of persecution, changed into St. Paul, nature, as well as the wolf? Was not profance and lying Peter, denying his Master, nature?

"It is the induction of divinity, through the grip of the 'Master' that changes a libertine, named Augustine, into the author of 'The City of God.' Divinity in man through our Masters' grip, changes feeble fisherman into world forces. "Life's highest fact is not the 'fall' through Jubila, Jubilo, Jubilum, the world, the flesh, and the devil. Life's greatest, most impressive fact is not the 'fall' but the 'raising.' And being raised into union with the Deity, as Masters, ourselves, we carry on the work of creation even as a son and heir carries on his father's 'business.

"Duty emerges, and like the star-strewn, blue vaulted skies that roofed the ancient temples of our craft, responsibility canopies life; hope shows the way on, and stands with us at every struggle .

"'Raised' into union with God, through the eternal Son, i.e. 'The Lion of the tribe of Judah,' by the same Lion's grip we become as sons and heirs—'Masters!' As Masters we must bear ourselves worthy of our high calling."

"We must better things,  
We must help the weak,  
We must pity the wretched,  
We must reach hands down to the fallen,  
We must do justice,  
We must love mercy."

M.W. Bro. Wm. J. McMakin .....Grand Master  
R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew .....Grand Secretary

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## TENNESSEE.

98th Annual.

Nashville, Jan. 31st, 1912.

The Grand East was graced with the presence of seventeen Past Grand Masters at the opening of this Grand Lodge. Five hundred and ninety representatives were in attendance. Excellent cuts, of the main building of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans'



Home, and of the Old Woman's Cottage, appear in the Proceedings.

A special appeal was made, by Grand Master Rison, for the Home. The Brethren responded generously, subscribing over \$3,300 thereto.

Eight corner stones were laid by Brethren appointed by the Grand Master, during the year.

Seven dispensations were granted for new Lodges.

Evening sessions were held at which the Board of Custodians of the Work exemplified the Fellow-Craft and Master Mason Degrees.

A committee was appointed to devise a program suggesting arrangements for holding, in the year 1913, the Centennial Celebration of the life and achievements of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

A resolution was submitted amending the constitution so as to make Nashville the place of meeting for all convocations of this Grand Lodge. This resolution will be acted upon at the next Annual Communication.

The Articles of Constitution and Edicts of this Grand Lodge are printed in the Proceedings.

This Grand Lodge continued its membership in the General Relief Association of the United States and Canada and instructed the Grand Treasurer to pay the membership fee.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by M. W. Bro. Chambers. It covers 62 pages. Only 14 lines were given to Alberta, 1911. Thanks for note of appreciation of the fact that no grievances or appeals were submitted during the year.

The sum of \$200 was paid to Bro. H. A. Chambers, P.G.M. for writing the report on correspondence, and \$400 to the Grand Master for his expenses during the year 1911.

The sum of \$100 was appropriated to pay for painting the portrait of Grand Master Rison.

Total number of Master Masons Jan. 1st, 1912, 25,589.

Net increase, 787.

Total number of Lodges on the rolls, 452.

The little gem which concludes the report of the Board of Control of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, is worthy of being passed along:—

"If I could scatter all the gems  
That light my soul in darker places,  
I'd pluck the hope-buds from their stems,  
And wreathe them o'er despondent faces.  
If I but had the power to stay  
The blighting hands of pain and sorrow,  
The human hearts that wilt today,  
Would lift their heads and bloom tomorrow."

M.W. Bro. J. Lynn Bachman .....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. John B. Garrett .....Grand Secretary.

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### UTAH.

41st Annual.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 16, 1912.

Grand Master Pfoutz, in the opening paragraph of his Annual Address says:—

"It is with pleasure that I bid you welcome to this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah. Forty years ago tomorrow this body came into existence through the heroic endeavors of a small band of noble spirits, who had for years previous been struggling to set up in this then wilderness the standard of Masonry, and teach that liberty of conscience and right living for which it stands. We, of this generation, can scarcely realize what that struggle meant, and the trials that that brave band of patriots encountered before they succeeded in bringing their fondest desires to fruition.

"We have with us today two of those men, and they are just as active in the cause as of yore; notably our beloved Grand Secretary, Christopher Diehl, who, with the exception of the first few months, when he was Assistant Grand Secretary, has been continuously the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. His character and work are well known to all, and he will ever remain the bright and shining star of Masonry in Utah. Then comes our Most Worshipful Brother, Louis Cohn, the first Deputy Grand Master, and the third and now oldest living Past Grand Master of this Jurisdiction. We all know his good work, and the inspiration he has ever been to the younger Brethren. May they be spared to us for many years to come. I would suggest that this Grand Lodge, in some befitting manner, show these Brethren how great is the honor and love in which we hold them."

A reception was tendered these faithful Brethren on the evening following the meeting of Grand Lodge

The Grand Master states that he granted permission six times to waive the period of two weeks between degrees.

Brief reports of the official acts of the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden are printed in the proceedings.

There are sixteen chartered Lodges and two under dispensation; having a total membership of 1,984, a gain of 205 during the year. Expended for Charity, \$3,242.43. Value of Lodge property, \$62,376.86. Lodge dues outstanding, \$2,335.90.

In sixty-three days after the close of Grand Lodge the Proceedings were printed and distributed. The volume contains 198 pages. The printing and binding cost \$2.75 per page.

Congratulations Bro. Diehl on the attractive Proceedings and the dispatch with which the work was done.

M.W. Bro. S. H. Goodwin .....Grand Master.  
R.W. Bro. Christopher Diehl .....Grand Secretary.

## VIRGINIA.

134th Annual.

Richmond, Feb. 13th, 1913.

This Grand Lodge has been called upon to mourn the death of two distinguished members of the Craft in the persons of M.W. Bro. Beverley R. Wellford Jr., Past Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Ray, Grand Chaplain Emeritus. Both had served the Craft faithfully and well for many years. Their remains were laid to rest in beautiful Hollywood Cemetery in the City of Richmond.

Grand Master Chesney states that the laying of corner stones is a popular ceremony in the State of Virginia. He gave permission to twenty-one Lodges to perform the ceremony. He declined to permit a Lodge to lay a corner stone of a church on the Sabbath Day although approved by the Church, Master of the Lodge, Grand Officer and Past Grand Master. We note, with approval, that Grand Lodge concurred in this decision.

The reports, of several of the District Deputy Grand Masters were very brief, but all indicated that peace and prosperity prevailed.

239 pages in the Proceedings are taken up with a complete list of the Subordinate Lodges, their date of charter, time and place of meeting, post office address, and lists of Officers, Past Masters, and Members; we sometimes wonder if this is money wisely expended.

An appropriation of \$100 was made to assist the Washington Memorial Association in defraying the expenses of the meeting of the Grand Masters held at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 22nd, 1912.

There are 60 children in attendance at the Virginia Home. The Board of Governors recommended improvements and additions to the extent of about \$15,000.00. The appeal, of the Grand Master, on behalf of the Home, did not meet with a very generous response.

Of the 321 chartered Lodges 193 made no contribution during the year, and it was therefore recommended that a per capita tax be levied annually on each member.

Be not weary in well doing, Brethren. The mightiest appeal on earth, is the appeal of utter helplessness for help.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was prepared by M.W. Bro. Jos. W. Eggleston.

Alberta, 1911, receives fraternal recognition.

M.W. Bro. Wm. L. Andrews ..... Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Carrington ..... Grand Secretary.

## WASHINGTON.

55th Annual.

Seattle, June 11th, 1912.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present when M.W. Bro. D. S. Prescott, Grand Master called Grand Lodge to order in the City of Seattle on Tuesday the 11th day of June, 1912. All the Lodges, except five, were represented at this Grand Communication.

Alberta was represented by R.W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless, who was subsequently elected Grand Master for the year 1913.

An address of welcome was delivered by Bro. George F. Cotterill, Mayor of the City of Seattle. He spoke in eloquent and glowing terms of the prosperity and beauty of the City.

Having visited this beautiful city last summer and enjoyed its scenery, we can appreciate to some extent, at least, the exultant words of the Mayor when he says:—

"I trust that I am not indulging in undue excess of local patriotism when I say to you here today, as one who has seen other cities in other land and the beauty spots of earth, that in my judgment there is no great commercial city in the world with such a setting of landscape grandeur and with such wealth of Nature's bounty of beauty within her city limits and the immediate vicinity, as are enjoyed by Seattle."

W. Bro. Wright, Chairman of the Masters and Wardens' Club of Seattle also welcomed the Grand Lodge. His address though not so eloquent as that of Mayor Cotterill, was humorous and entertaining throughout:—

"Many of you are strangers within our gates and may become bewildered by the variety of scenes and sounds displayed, and it will not be out of place, as part of our welcome to you, to rationally account for these mysteries so that they will not disturb your reflections during the balance of the convention.

"In passing up Second Avenue you may see something that has the appearance of a newly-made grave. This does look suspicious but it happens to be the excavation for the foundation of our new forty-two story Smith building, which will be anything but a grave yard when completed. No doubt you will hear certain horrid exclamations issuing from the clefts of the adjacent hills. These are thus explained. The first will be the voice of Cotterill exclaiming: "Oh, that I had been buried in a sea of votes ere I had attempted the control of so stubborn and asinine a body as the city council." The second will be the voice of Dugdale exclaiming: "Oh, that my baseball team had been given to the fans as a prey ere I had attempted to spear the pennant of so great and good a league as the Northwestern." The third will be the voice of the Potlatch Bug exclaiming in tones more horrid than the rest: "'Twas I that struck the needed blow. 'Twas I that brought good business.'"

Grand Master Prescott during his tenure of office dedicated three Masonic Temples, laid three corner stones of buildings, constituted eight Lodges, travelled 17,000 miles, visiting many Lodges, including several in Alaska, and attended to the many duties of his office in such a manner as to merit the esteem and applause of his Brethren.

#### MASONIC TEMPLE.

Seattle will soon boast of having the finest and best appointed Masonic Temple on the Pacific Coast. Seventeen Masonic bodies,

including the Blue Lodges, Chapters, Council and Commandery, have formed a Corporation, under the title of "Seattle Masonic Temple, Incorporated," and have purchased property 120 by 140 feet in one of the most accessible locations in the city; plans have been selected for a Temple to be devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes.

Three Lodge rooms are to be provided; an auditorium, with seating capacity of 1,500; banquet hall for 600, and an armory with 700 lockers.

It is the purpose of the Brethren of Seattle to push this enterprise to completion at the earliest possible date.

The returns of the Grand Secretary show a net gain of 1,443 Master Masons. 4,091 degrees have been conferred; the total membership is 17,119. Nine new Lodges have been organized during the year. The total assets of this Grand Lodge are \$110,803.04.

Twenty acres of land were purchased by this Grand Lodge at Puyallup, as a site for a Masonic Home at a net cost of \$9,000.

The expenses of Grand Lodge officers and representatives of Lodges, amounting to \$3,990.08, were paid by Grand Lodge.

The following information re balloting for candidates in the various Grand Lodges will be of interest to our readers. We are indebted to Bro. Charles Schwartz, P. M. of Ionic Lodge, Seattle for this information:—

"Wisconsin requires unanimous ballot for degrees and four-fifths for affiliation. Iowa unanimous for degrees, two-thirds if applicant for affiliation be dimitted from former Lodge within one year prior to application; or if he shall have resided within jurisdiction of Lodge not exceeding one year. Further, if applicant has been a non-affiliate or resided in the jurisdiction for more than one year, four negative votes reject. All other jurisdictions in the United States require unanimous ballot.

The United Grand Lodge of England provides that three black balls are necessary, unless the By-Laws of a Lodge provide for less. A majority of its Lodges have a By-Law fixing two as necessary. Some of the larger Lodges require three and some one.

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland fixes three as the number, with permission to its Lodges in the colonies and foreign parts to fix the number at two.

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland requires unanimous vote, unless By-Laws of the Lodge provide differently.

"The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta fix the number at two, but permit Lodges to require a unanimous ballot. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia requires three.

"The Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island require unanimous vote."

M.W. Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster, P.G.M. prepared the Report on Foreign Correspondence.  
Alberta, 1911, received fraternal recognition.

M.W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless .....Grand Master  
R.W. Bro. Horace W. Tyler .....Grand Secretary.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

13th Annual.

Perth, Apr. 25th, 1912.

Quarterly Communications were held on July 27th and Oct. 26th, 1911 and January 25th, 1912.

The Board of General Purposes, and the Board of Benevolence transact most of the business and carry out the will of Grand Lodge between its sessions.

For the ninth successive year the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., Lord Bishop of Perth was elected Grand Master.

His addresses, to the Brethren at their regular Communication, are scholarly and well worthy of the thoughtful consideration of the members of Grand Lodge.

We have pleasure in quoting two extracts from his address:—

#### "PEACE.

"Brethren:—My mind is disturbed as I get older and long more and more for peace, that we may develop our lives to the fullest, when I look around the world and see the unrest there is in every grade of society, in every clime, and seemingly among every race of men. I do not enter into the question as to the cause of their unrest—it is here. Partly, it is no doubt, inspired by an earnest desire to obtain for man better conditions, and partly perhaps it is inspired by other and less worthy motives; still it is here. How is it to be allayed?

What force is there at work in the world on the side of Peace? Peace is the basis on which many religions are formed. Peace, Brotherly Love, is at the basis of our Order. There should surely be peace among ourselves—if not, we are not true Freemasons. We should try with all our powers to promote Peace and Brotherly love; otherwise we are not carrying out our obligations. I dream—will it always be a dream?—surely not—that in the future the members of our order, over 2,000,000 strong, picked men—gathered out of every race—scattered over the wide expanse of the earth's surface—will exert a force and have a power in the interests of Peace, that it will be impossible for others to overthrow.

"Can we not have this in mind, and can we not work for this. Can we not determine that wars between nations, between races, between various social ranks, between various societies, shall become a thing of the past. Then, however little we may be able to do in our time and generation, our work as Freemasons will not have been without good result for the world—

"Perhaps one day we may hear the voice of love, say Peace—

Peace, and no longer from its brazen portals  
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies,  
But beautiful as songs of the immortals,  
The holy melodies of love arise!"

#### "GENERAL.

"I should like to say one or two words about the Craft in general. There are so many objections raised in these days concerning the claims to Freemasonry that it would be well if we thought for a moment of the objects and history of our Craft. I can only remind you, first of all, that Freemasonry is ancient. We do not know how old Freemasonry really is, but there are marks upon buildings of very ancient date indeed, of signs that were common among the ancient and operative Masons. Masonry is honorable; the most honorable men in the world are pleased to join its ranks. Masons are called Free and Accepted because we believe that it is only free men who are allowed to become members; then we are accepted as Brethren by the others. Masonry is operative and speculative. In the old days operative Masons not only gave their work to the upraising of magnificent buildings, design, line and curve, symmetry and beauty, all that they felt they could express in architecture. Nowadays Masonry is



speculative, and what we try to do is to build a Temple of human character perfect in every part, upright, honorable, grand, and adding to the beauty of life. Then Masons are taught to fear God. The first word they hear, when entering a Lodge, when they are initiated, is the word 'God.' When they look upward they see the symbol of the Almighty, and they are taught that man consists of three parts. In the First Degree he is taught of that which is physical. In the Second Degree he is led on to think of the mental powers and faculties of man, to learn the sciences and art, which make life better and more worth living. In the Third Degree he is carried on still further, and taught of that part of man which rises, after death, to the Life Eternal. And the great thing in life, amongst Masons, is not to begrudge others, and to learn the grand lesson to not only give to those in distress, but, more than this, to try to hide the faults and failings of a Brother. Now, Brethren, with such a history, and with such a record, and with such ideas, surely none of us need fear when men attack the ancient Craft of Freemasonry."

There are 91 Lodges on the roll with a total membership of 3,780, being an increase of 53 during the year.

The finances of Grand Lodge are in excellent condition. The balance standing to the credit of the Fund of General Purposes is £4,792; to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence £4,253; to the credit of the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund £5,346, while the balance of the Freemasons' Hall Account is £13,118, making altogether £27,510, a net increase of £1,791 on the figures of last year. In connection with the finances, there is again great cause for congratulation in the fact that, for the TENTH year in succession, there is not a single working Lodge in arrear.

The Grand Master states that there are a large number of unaffiliated Masons in Western Australia, and urges the members to take a deeper interest in these Brethren and to use every legitimate means to induce them to become members of some Lodge.

A Past Master of a certain Lodge stated that an application made by his Lodge some time ago for a Dispensation had been declined, but no record of such or why it was declined had appeared in the printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master replied that he did not think it either advisable, or necessary to make public his reasons for refusing a Dispensation.

This Brother then moved with the permission of the Grand Master that a list of all Dispersations refused during the past two years be laid on the table. The motion was put and lost.

The Grand Master's addresses were not referred to any Committee for consideration and Grand Lodge was not called upon to ratify his official acts.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is composed of eight members. The work is divided among these Brethren, and result is very commendable indeed. We are indebted to Bro. R. D. Jones for a complete review of Alberta, 1911.

M.W. Bro. C. O. L. Riley .....Grand Master.

V.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson .....Grand Secretary.

## WYOMING.

38th Annual.

Cheyenne, Sept. 4, 1912.

Grand Master Banner's Annual address is a business-like presentation of his Masonic acts during his tenure of office. He very properly refused a request from a Subordinate Lodge to "participate" in the laying of the corner stone of the Bishop Randall Hospital at Lander, and informed them that such functions are performed only by the Grand Lodge. He issued four dispensations to form new Lodges, and laid three corner stones during the year. He refused the request of the Grand Master of the Supreme Government of the Grand East of the Netherlands for a contribution of £85 towards the purchase of six electric candles for the Temple of Peace now being built at The Hague, and makes this somewhat remarkable statement for so doing:—

"Being of the opinion that this object is of no particular interest to this Grand Lodge, I have taken no action in the matter."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that there was nothing referred to them for consideration. Congratulations Brethren.

Grand Secretary W. L. Kuykendall was granted an increase of \$100 for next year, and an additional allowance of \$100 for the past year. Bro. Kuykendall has completed his 27th year as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, and is at the present time Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Proceedings of Alberta for 1911 were briefly reviewed by him. His many years of experience, in all matters relating to Craft Masonry, amply fits him for the responsible duties he has

undertaken, and the excellence of his work is sufficient evidence that the selection, made by the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, has been a wise one.

M.W. Bro. William Pugh .....Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. L. Kuykendall .....Grand Secretary.

We are indebted to Bro. Matthew Miller, P.G.M., Chairman Kansas for the following statistics of membership of the various Grand Lodges, recognised by the Grand Lodge of Kansas:—

#### UNITED STATES MASONIC MEMBERSHIP.

| Grand Lodge.               | Year.   | Last<br>Previous<br>Report. | Latest<br>Report. | Net<br>Gain. |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Alabama .....              | 1911-12 | 24,361                      | 25,471            | 1,110        |
| Arizona .....              | 1912    | 1,912                       | 2,014             | 102          |
| Arkansas .....             | 1911    | 19,552                      | 19,895            | 343          |
| California .....           | 1912    | 45,836                      | 48,315            | 2,479        |
| Colorado .....             | 1912    | 14,917                      | 15,532            | 615          |
| Connecticut .....          | 1912    | 23,164                      | 23,684            | 520          |
| Delaware .....             | 1912    | 3,224                       | 3,285             | 61           |
| District of Columbia ..... | 1911    | 9,005                       | 9,111             | 106          |
| Florida .....              | 1912    | 9,404                       | 10,131            | 627          |
| Georgia .....              | 1912    | 35,323                      | 36,806            | 1,483        |
| Idaho .....                | 1912    | 3,568                       | 3,844             | 276          |
| Illinois .....             | 1912    | 108,068                     | 115,095           | 7,027        |
| Indiana .....              | 1912    | 57,499                      | 60,168            | 2,669        |
| Iowa .....                 | 1912    | 44,399                      | 45,997            | 1,598        |
| Kansas .....               | 1912    | 37,305                      | 38,877            | 1,572        |
| Kentucky .....             | 1912    | 37,356                      | 38,782            | 1,426        |
| Louisiana .....            | 1911    | 13,885                      | 14,547            | 662          |
| Maine .....                | 1912    | 28,781                      | 29,345            | 564          |
| Maryland .....             | 1911    | 13,857                      | 14,168            | 311          |
| Massachusetts .....        | 1911    | 58,679                      | 60,844            | 2,165        |
| Michigan .....             | 1912    | 65,708                      | 68,396            | 2,688        |
| Minnesota .....            | 1912    | 25,779                      | 26,543            | 764          |
| Mississippi .....          | 1912    | 18,147                      | 18,931            | 784          |
| Missouri .....             | 1912    | 53,218                      | 55,737            | 2,519        |
| Montana .....              | 1911    | 5,957                       | 6,465             | 508          |
| Nebraska .....             | 1912    | 18,507                      | 19,269            | 762          |
| Nevada .....               | 1912    | 1,771                       | 1,846             | 75           |
| New Hampshire .....        | 1912    | 10,358                      | 10,480            | 122          |
| New Jersey .....           | 1912    | 33,094                      | 34,855            | 1,761        |
| New Mexico .....           | 1911    | 2,591                       | 2,799             | 208          |
| New York .....             | 1912    | 168,714                     | 173,713           | 4,999        |

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| North Carolina ..... | 1912    | 20,846                      | 21,479            | 633           |
| North Dakota .....   | 1912    | 8,006                       | 8,358             | 352           |
| Ohio .....           | 1912    | 82,833                      | 86,493            | 3,660         |
| Oklahoma .....       | 1912    | 22,914                      | 24,254            | 1,340         |
| Oregon .....         | 1912    | 10,836                      | 11,410            | 574           |
| Pennsylvania .....   | 1911    | 96,422                      | 100,765           | 4,343         |
| Porto Rico .....     | 1912    | 1,397                       | 1,560             | 163           |
| Rhode Island .....   | 1911-12 | 7,811                       | 8,117             | 306           |
| South Carolina ..... | 1911    | 13,135                      | 13,772            | 637           |
| South Dakota .....   | 1912    | 8,900                       | 9,701             | 801           |
| Tennessee .....      | 1912    | 24,802                      | 25,589            | 787           |
| Texas .....          | 1911    | 50,027                      | 53,190            | 3,163         |
| Utah .....           | 1912    | 1,779                       | 1,984             | 205           |
| Vermont .....        | 1912    | 13,135                      | 13,443            | 308           |
| Virginia .....       | 1912    | 21,782                      | 22,843            | 1,061         |
| Washington .....     | 1912    | 15,676                      | 17,119            | 1,443         |
| West Virginia .....  | 1911    | 14,068                      | 14,874            | 806           |
| Wisconsin .....      | 1912    | 26,421                      | 27,233            | 812           |
| Wyoming .....        | 1912    | 2,639                       | 2,845             | 206           |
| Totals, U. S. ....   |         | <u>1,437,468</u>            | <u>1,499,974</u>  | <u>62,506</u> |

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| Alberta .....              | 1911     | 2,983                       | 3,823             | 840          |
| British Columbia .....     | 1912     | 5,021                       | 5,776             | 755          |
| Canada (Ontario) .....     | 1911-12  | 48,394                      | 50,721            | 2,327        |
| Chili .....                | ....     | 800                         | 909               | 109          |
| Costa Rica .....           | 1907-8-9 | 203                         | 199               | ...          |
| Cuba .....                 | ....     | 2,630                       | 3,035             | 405          |
| England .....              | 1911-12  | 190,000                     | 190,000           | ...          |
| Manitoba .....             | 1912     | 5,619                       | 5,967             | 348          |
| Mexico, York G. L. ....    | ....     | 1,151                       | 1,203             | 52           |
| New Brunswick .....        | 1911     | 2,915                       | 3,061             | 146          |
| New South Wales .....      | 1911     | 14,822                      | 16,036            | 1,214        |
| New Zealand .....          | 1911-12  | 11,472                      | 12,309            | 837          |
| Nova Scotia .....          | 1911-12  | 6,223                       | 6,456             | 233          |
| Prince Edward Island ..... | 1912     | 737                         | 741               | 4            |
| Quebec .....               | 1911     | 6,633                       | 7,021             | 388          |

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| Queensland .....        | 1912    | 2,100                       | 2,100             | ...           |
| Saskatchewan .....      | 1912    | 3,399                       | 4,049             | 650           |
| Scotland .....          | 1911-12 | 80,000                      | 80,000            | ...           |
| South Australia .....   | 1912    | 4,013                       | 4,424             | 411           |
| Tasmania .....          | 1912    | 1,410                       | 1,443             | 33            |
| Victoria .....          | 1911    | 11,271                      | 11,728            | 457           |
| Western Australia ..... | 1911-12 | 3,727                       | 3,780             | 53            |
| Totals .....            |         | <u>405,523</u>              | <u>414,781</u>    | <u>9,262</u>  |
| Grand Totals .....      |         | <u>1,842,991</u>            | <u>1,914,755</u>  | <u>71,764</u> |

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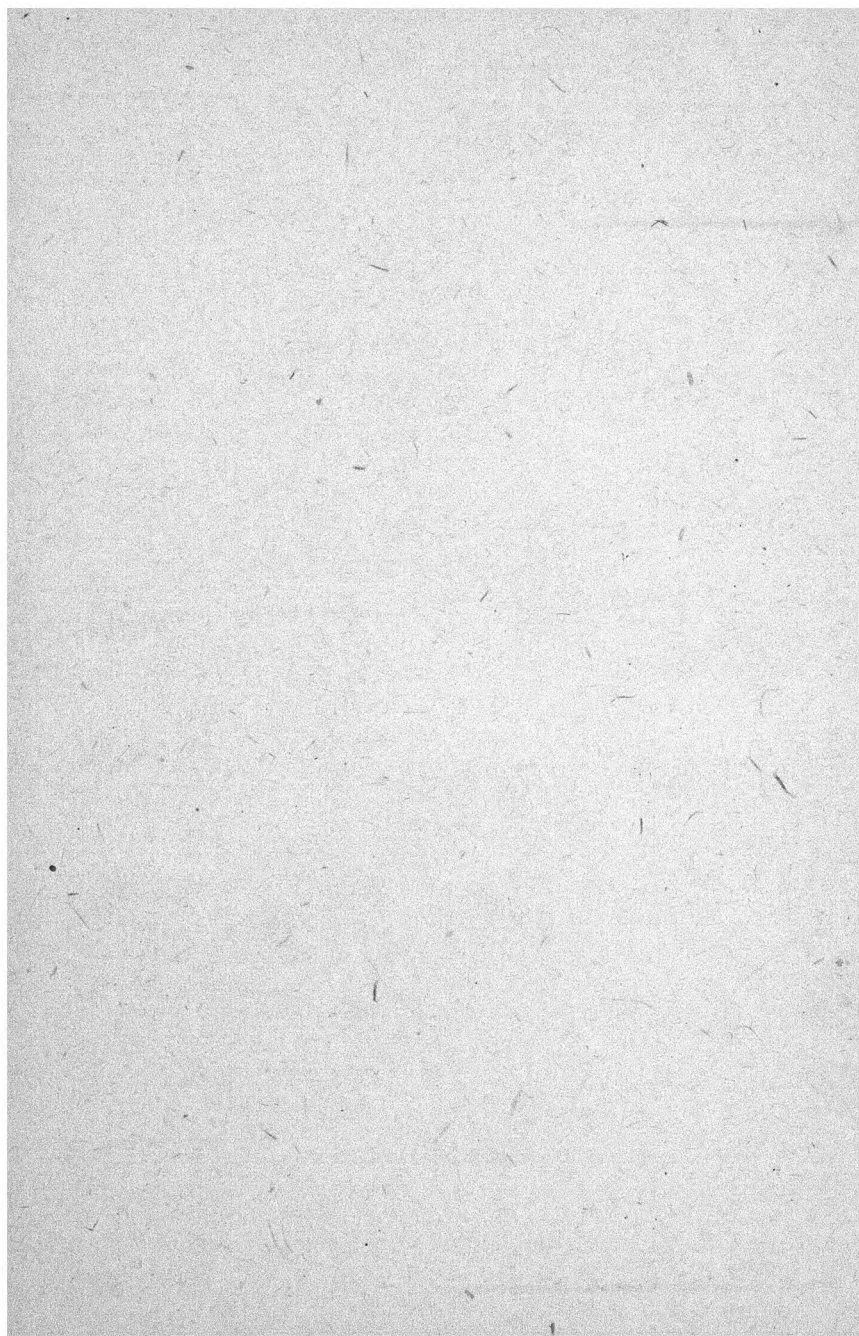
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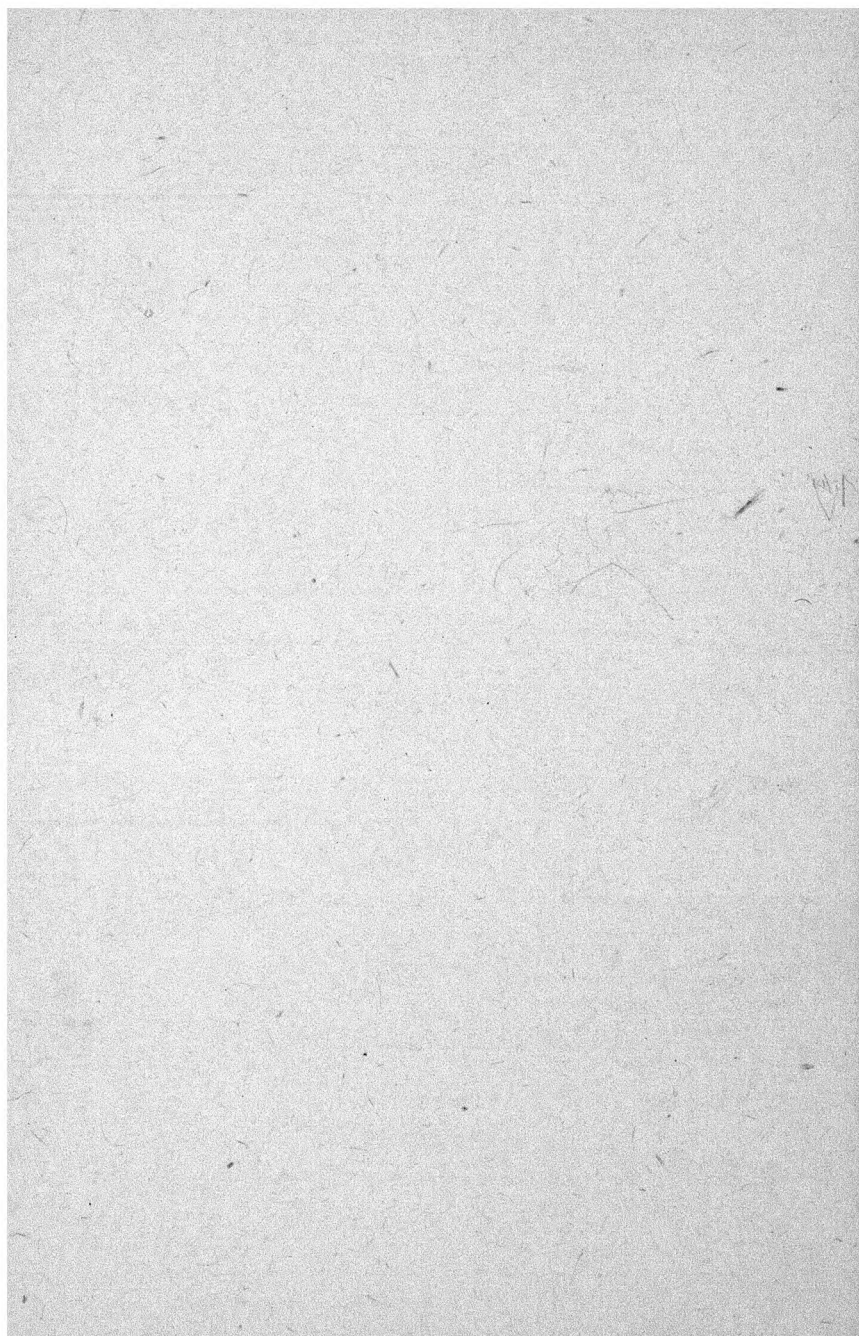


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